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INTERNATIONAL MISSION

CBHE to review College's plan

Mission proposal includes area growth

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Some major personnel changes could cause some minor changes in the path of Missouri Southern's international mission.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has named a new commissioner, Dr. Kala Stroup, who will review a proposal issued by the College, according to College President Julio Leon.

"At this point we are working on drafting a proposal [for the CBHE]," Leon said. "The new commissioner and the CBHE will have to look over it and eventually approve that and make a recommendation for funding."

The CBHE approved the idea last year and made a recommendation that the state of Missouri authorize the mission. The bill, which originally included measures dealing with other colleges in the state, narrowly passed the House, which should have a new speaker by January.

"Everything appears relatively calm other than the situation with the speaker," Leon said. "Having a new speaker will change some relationships."

Bob Griffin, the Missouri House speaker for the past 15 years, has promised to resign from the position before the next term begins.

"The CBHE will have to approve the plan in terms of what is we're going to do and how we're going to do it and what we're to do in the first year and the second year and the third year and how we're going to implement it," Leon said.

The legislature would have to approve any additional funding the College may receive.

Leon said the College will focus its attention on expanding the teaching of foreign languages, internationalizing the curriculum, developing new programs and

degrees, and expanding the mission into the community.

"We want to develop ways of working with the school systems in the area to foster the study of foreign languages," Leon said. "We also want to work with business firms in the area in terms of assisting them in international trade and exporting."

The main opponent of the College's proposed international mission was Rep. Ken Jacobs (D-Columbia), but timing was the main concern. The mission statement was approved by the legislature on the next-to-last day of the session.

"We were concerned," Leon said, "not so much because of opposition but more so because we were simply running out of time."

Leon, who made several trips to Jefferson City to support the mission, credited the area legislators for doing the "yeoman's work."

"I certainly think that all of our legislators worked very hard," he said. "You certainly have to give credit to Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) in the House because he worked so hard with the other representatives. In the Senate, Sen. [Marvin] Singleton (R-Seneca) worked very closely with Sen. [Syd] Johnson (D-St. Joseph) to get this through."

"All of our representatives worked very hard at securing the votes and making sure they talked to all the representatives and lining up, if you would, the 'yes' votes."

Burton said he plans to push just as hard when the issue of funding comes up in the spring.

"I knew that we had our work cut out for us," he said. "We got everything through, and the governor signed it. Now we're off and running."

Burton, who has a seat on the House budget committee, said it is important for the governor to include funding for the project in his budget this year.

"It will be tougher if the governor doesn't include funding," he said. "Either way, we'll get it through."

STUDENTS EXPLORE TROPICAL BELIZE



JIM JACKSON/Special to The Chart

Dusty Reid learns the proper way to open a coconut from a young girl from Monkey Village in Belize, Central America. A Blomes class traveled to Belize for seven days to study marine life, tropical wildlife, Mayan ruins, and cultures in the area. Please see story Page 12A.

COLLEGE BUDGET

Energy system falls short in 1st year

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Johnson Controls, the company that reconstructed the College's energy system last year, has estimated that it saved Missouri Southern 80 percent of the projected \$220,000 in planned savings during the system's first year.

The system includes computer technology that allows the College to have more control over where and when it uses its energy. It also includes a lighting retrofit and a digital environmental control system.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the installation took longer than expected, apparently accounting for the loss in potential savings.

"We still haven't finalized [the savings] but that is Johnson's projection at this point," Tiede said. "I think part of it is that there was a longer time frame in implementing than they thought there would be originally."

"The estimate was \$220,000 for the first year, and they're probably going to hit about 80 percent of that or so."

Johnson Controls began

installing the system during the 1993-94 winter break. The system is operated by two control monitors—one in the physical plant and one in the mechanical maintenance room in Spiva Library—that allow a person to control the environment in the buildings.

It also includes alarms to alert the physical plant of any failures in the system.

"There is a lot more control capability," Tiede said. "We really haven't had any major problems with the system."

To put the savings in perspective,

the College spent nearly \$550,000 annually in energy bills before the system was implemented.

Tiede said he expects that the College will realize the savings that were missed last year in the years to come.

"They didn't seem too worried when we talked to them," he said. "They guaranteed the savings. I think they plan for the first year that there will be a little slippage, and they make it up in the following years."

The College's savings from the program are calculated on a 10-year plan, Tiede said. □

MEMORIAL

Tate remembered as leader, friend

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

When Dr. David Tate died earlier this month, he left behind many people who respected him as a teacher, leader, and friend.

Tate, head of the department of social science since 1990, lost his long-time fight with heart problems. He died at 8:15 p.m. Aug. 7 in Kansas University Medical Center, where he received a heart transplant in 1986.

Tate was 48. Surviving family members are his wife, Esther; daughters Tara and Trista; mother, Clydene Tate; and a sister, Donna Clack, of Carl Junction.

A professor at Southern for 21 years, the Monett native captured the admiration of his department with his bravery to enjoy life despite his illness.

One of the pallbearers at Tate's funeral was Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science.

"I lost not only a colleague that I deeply admired and respected, but a very close and personal friend," Yates said. "David was a person who loved people. He was a real inspiration to anyone who has serious health problems."

Yates classified Tate as a fantastic motivator whom the students really liked.

"In summary, I think David was pretty much the epitome of what teaching at Missouri Southern is all about," Yates said. "He was both knowledgeable and approachable."

Tate's death is not only hard on the faculty he associated with on an almost daily basis, but also on the students he taught.

Dr. Ree Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology, said Tate had a certain aura that attracted others to him.

"I have a lot of students who adored him and liked his style of teaching," Simpkins said.

Tate, who specialized in anthropology, was the winner of the College's annual Outstanding Teacher Award in 1991. He was a lay leader at the Carl Junction United Methodist Church, where his funeral was held.

"The loss of David Tate is a real tragedy, and we as a community are deeply saddened," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "He was a gentleman of great humor and intelligence."

Dr. Richard Miller, professor of sociology, will replace Tate as interim department head this year. He enjoys recollecting about how Tate would mimic dialogue from his favorite movie, *Tombstone*, a western portraying the life of Wyatt Earp.

"I think most people in the faculty saw him as a friend first, maybe, and a colleague second," Miller said. "Students took classes because he taught them. He just made everything interesting and fun."

Norma Mitchell, a junior sociology major who had Tate as an adviser, was looking forward to taking one of his classes this semester.

"He always had time for you," Mitchell said. "Whenever he saw you in the hallway, he would always want to know how things were going."

To those who knew him, Tate was a man who loved his job. His personality showed it. The people with whom he worked at Southern will never forget his sense of humor, nor the melodies he sang that earned him the nickname "The Singing Chair."

One of the countless students Tate had an impact on is Thomas Wheeler, a social science graduate. He said Tate's classes were grinding but that's when you learn the most. Wheeler believes Tate was perhaps the best the department had to offer.

"In every constellation," Wheeler said, "is a bright star." □

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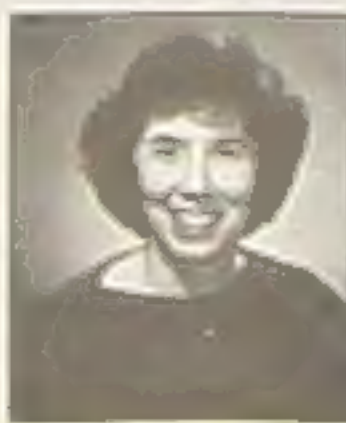
Dr. David Tate

Professor of Sociology

Died: Aug. 7, 1995

Cause: Heart problems

• Taught at Missouri Southern since 1974



Dr. Judith Conboy

Professor of Sociology

Died: April 5, 1994

Cause: Cancer

• Taught at Missouri Southern since 1969



Dr. Robert Smith

Professor of History

Died: Feb. 24, 1994

Cause: Auto accident

• Taught at Missouri Southern since 1972

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Miller logical choice for department head

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

With the recent death of Dr. David Tate, the social science department needed someone to step forward in its time of need.

Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences, consulted with the department's faculty and Dr. Richard Miller emerged as the most logical choice. Miller credits the rapport he has with the department as perhaps the best reason he was nominated for the post.

"I get along well with our faculty, and I'm also willing to serve the interests of the faculty as it furthers the College," he said. "With this department, I think I have the temperament and personality that allows me to work with other faculty from very diverse backgrounds."

Miller became a sociology professor at Southern in 1985 after receiving his doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

One of his goals as department head will be to interact with more people outside his own discipline.

"Across campus, I think I've succeeded in establishing a reputation as being fair and willing to work with other faculty," he said.

Miller believes his secretary, Cindy Spencer, is easing the transi-

tion. He also said Martin and Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, are always there to answer any questions he has concerning his new role.

Bitterbaum said Miller's ability to work well with individuals made him a superb choice for the position. He also hinted at the strong possibility of Miller receiving the position permanently if this year is a success. There are no plans to bring in an outside department head at this time.

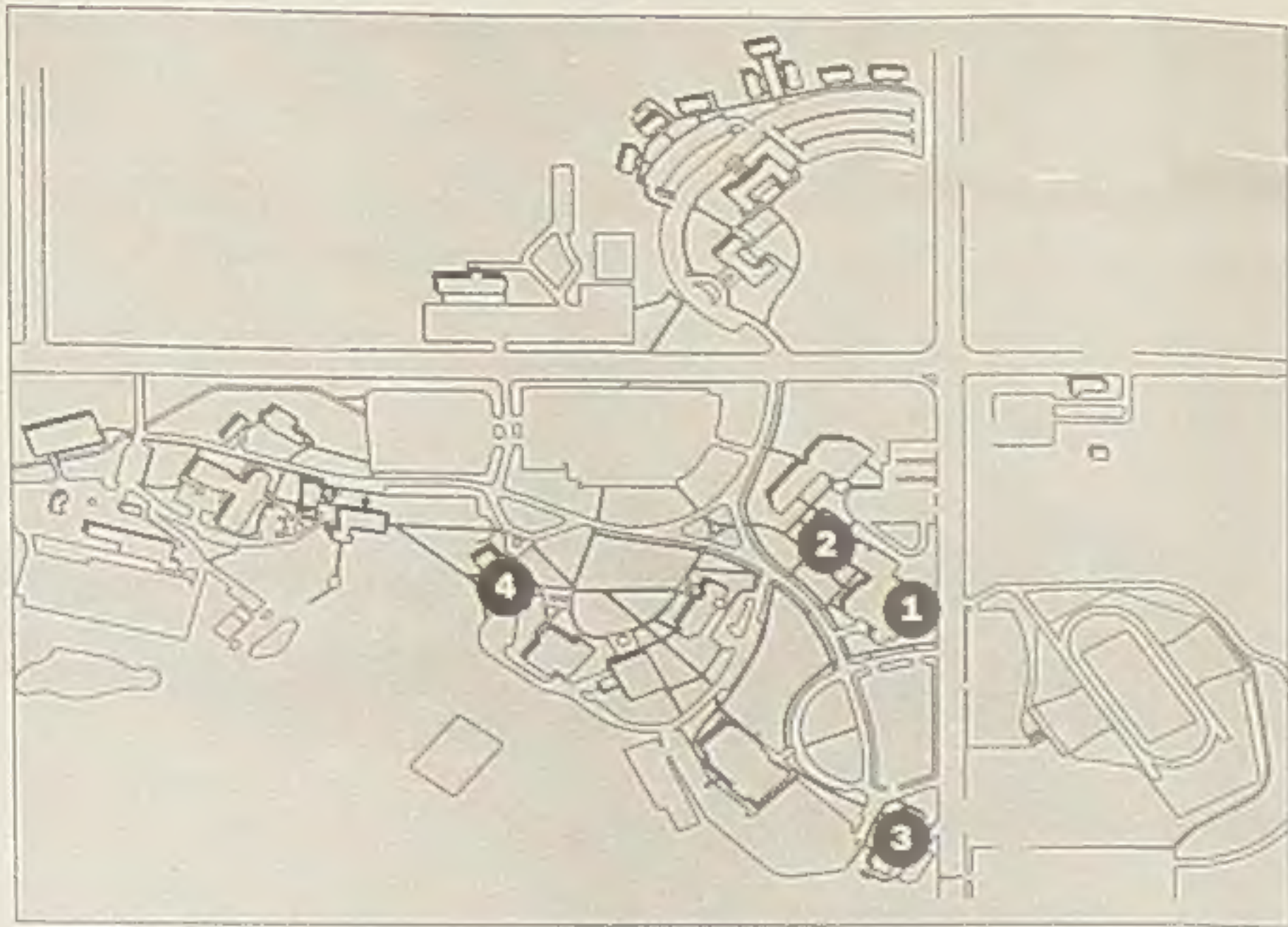
"We've been blessed," Bitterbaum said. "He is a very creative program developer who has experience and continuity. And he has the admiration of his colleagues, which is very important."

"The students have been real supportive, and many have congratulated me," Miller said. "It's a hard situation to come in to given the circumstances, and if the students didn't accept it, then it makes it a lot harder."

Dr. Ree Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology, believes Miller is the best person to run the department. She said the department doesn't see him as the interim, but as its new head.

"I really like the way Richard is handling himself thus far," Simpkins said. "It's not only a testament to Richard, but also to all of the faculty who are rallying behind him." □

SECURITY REPORT



- 1 8/17/95 TAYLOR AUD. 6:45 P.M. An ambulance and Joplin fire truck attended to a female visitor who suffered a heart attack. She was transported to St. John's Hospital.
- 2 8/15/95 SPIVA GALLERY 3:30 P.M. Donald McGatha reported an injury to his right hip while lifting a wooden box in the paint room in the Spiva Art Gallery.
- 3 8/14/95 BSC 9:05 P.M. Officer Everett Howard, of campus security, reported damage to his vehicle. He believes the driver's door was creased while securing the Billingsly Student Center.
- 4 8/21/95 LOT 40 1:40 P.M. Upon returning to her red Nissan, Reannan Moser reported finding a dent and scratch mark apparently caused by a hit and run.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Smith replaces Sandrin

New department head expects to stay busy

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

A new school year brings a new leader to the education department.

Dr. Nancy Smith replaces Dr. Jim Sandrin, who retired last month, as the head of the education department. Smith, an associate professor who has been teaching at the College since 1991, spent 17 years in the Webb City and Joplin public school systems and four years at Pittsburg State University before coming here.

Smith's selection resulted from interim dean Betsy Griffin asking around the education department for recommendations. Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said Smith's selection was unanimous among the education department faculty.

"She brings many years of classroom experience and has a wonderful vision of where teacher education should be," Bitterbaum said. "Education is very dynamic right now, so we think we have the right leader going into the 21st century."

Smith considers her strong work

ethic to be one of her best qualities.

"My work is my pleasure," she said. "One thing I work very hard at is getting along with people and getting things done in a positive way."

Some of Smith's duties as department head will include setting the schedule, visiting with students, and doing some advising. Her job will also entail making sure students coming up for teacher certification meet all of the requirements.

"He (Sandrin) has been very helpful," Smith said. "He put a little black

being that way from now on. Our faculty is probably our greatest strength."

Smith, who graduated from Southern in 1969, has several family ties to the College. Her son, daughter, and daughter-in-law all graduated from the College, and a nephew is currently enrolled.

The new dean of education and psychology, Dr. Michael Horvath, felt comfortable finding someone within the College as opposed to conducting a national search.

"We had the opportunity to look internally and externally," Horvath said. "But Dr. Smith's credentials just rose to the top, and we felt that we had someone who was just excellent right here."

Horvath said the ever-changing nature of education



Dr. Nancy Smith
Education department head

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notebook together for me entitled *Everything A Department Head Should Know*."

With the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) process taking place at Southern this year, Smith expects to stay busy. She will coordinate an early childhood conference this semester.

"I look at my job as a facilitator for the faculty," she said. "I appreciate their support, and I look forward to it

calls for leadership capable of formulating policies and procedures in an organized fashion."

"I think Dr. Smith is excellent at being able to keep up with what's going on in the field," he said. "It's a very challenging position, and she realizes you just can't tread water."

"She has a lot of iron in the fire, and I think you'll see that education will continue to improve at Missouri Southern as it has been for the past decade." □

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Pilot program to lend support

College takes steps to enhance teaching, learning experience

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With a new program funded through Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education, College administrators and faculty members are taking steps to enhance the educational experience for first-time freshmen.

"We're trying to build support groups," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "The goal is to improve student retention from the freshman year to the sophomore year."

Bitterbaum said Missouri has an initiative, called Funding For Results (FFR), which pilots college programs geared toward improving the teaching/learning process. Each pilot is unique to the dynamics of the individual colleges.

"Last spring, we put together a FFR committee consisting of two student representatives and faculty and administrators from across the campus," Bitterbaum said. "We went through the process of brainstorming and eventually decided we would like to pioneer the block concept this year."

One hundred twenty-five freshmen have been placed in five blocks of three common core curriculum classes each, with 25 students in each block.

The classes selected for the freshmen are English 101, College Orientation, and either Oral Communication or General Psychology.

Dr. Elaine Freeman, director of special programs, and Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology

department, are both members of the FFR committee and have been appointed co-directors for a new Center for Teaching and Learning.

"This is a team approach with a lot of faculty," Freeman said. "There are many goals and possibilities, but the specific goal is to increase student performance and retention. We will also be looking at student satisfaction."

Stacy Schoen, a student representative on the FFR committee, participated in the initial pilot program for the 1992-93 school year.

"I learned about it in Fresh Start in the summer," she said. "They told us we would be in an experimental group with the same group of students in block classes."

Schoen said she was uncertain about the program at first, but she realized having classes with a common group has some advantages.

The goal is to improve student retention from the freshman year to the sophomore year.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum

"It was beneficial," she said. "My first thought was that I was going to see the same people every day and I wouldn't get the whole college experience."

"But by the middle of the semester, we became closer friends, we studied together, and we got together outside of class."

Schoen said the block classes made the second semester easier.

"We didn't have to go through the first few days of class with strangers," she said. "We all knew each other and we were all relaxed."

"But some of the other people in our classes who were not in our block felt left out at first."

Freeman said an equal number of students are enrolled in an English 101 class as a control group.

"We will have a quasi-experimental model," she said. "We will be looking at the experimental versus the control group and the experimental versus the entire freshmen class."

"It's an exciting project. We are excited to see what the results and what the response will be."

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY FOR EDUCATION



Kevin Linn, freshman biology major, shares the chore of studying with his son, Devon Gray, five months, while his wife is in class. Linn and his wife tackle the tasks of parenthood and education.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

BUSINESS OFFICE

Johnson exits after 6 years

Director of budgets takes position with city

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For Jon Johnson, former director of budgets at Missouri Southern, deciding to leave the campus to work for the city of Joplin was like breaking a tradition.

"As young as I am, I think I'm considered one of the old-timers on campus," he said.

Johnson has had connections with the College since 1967, but has worked on campus for only six years.

His father, Delbert Johnson, was the director of the Lion Pride Marching Band before his death in 1986, and his mother, Ellen, is a secretary at the Anderson Justice Center.

"I have a strong attachment to Missouri Southern, so deciding to leave was not very easy," Johnson said. "But it was a really good opportunity."

Johnson started his new job as Joplin's finance director Monday. Over a three-week period, a committee consisting of Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president; Terri Agee, director of personnel; and

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, reviewed 23 applications in search of a replacement.

"It was probably the strongest pool of applicants I've seen in a long time," Tiede said. "We narrowed it down to three and interviewed those."

The committee chose Jeff Gibson, business manager at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School in Joplin.

He takes his position as Southern's new director of budgets Monday.

Gibson, a 1980 graduate of Southern, said he looks forward to again becoming involved with the campus.

"I am familiar with the school, and the position description appealed to me," he said. "It's more along my line of work than my current job."

"I'm excited," Gibson added. "It's a very challenging position, and it will allow me to become acquainted with almost every department across campus."

Gibson said he will use the first couple of weeks to adjust to his new job.

"I will have to learn about the

tools and about the new system," he said. "And the building of relationships with coworkers is important."

As Gibson is getting acquainted with Southern, Johnson is also adjusting to a new environment. He said he will miss many things at Southern but the people most of all.

"The people in the business office are very dedicated and loyal," he said. "I will miss seeing them and working with them."

"And a lot of the faculty members were here when I attended the College. It's like leaving a family."

Despite his sadness about leaving the College, Johnson believes he has made a positive career move.

"Other than making a change and missing the surroundings, it's all kind of exciting," he said. "It's a good direction to go in."

He leaves the College with one request.

"I hope Missouri Southern continues to strive to be a college with a personal touch—a college more concerned with helping, not graduating numbers," Johnson said. "That's what it was when I went to school here."

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Student Life Center to remain vacant

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, the newly-built Student Life Center will remain vacant until next fall.

Although the contractor is finished and the College has a certificate of substantial completion, the building is not yet ready for occupancy.

"They (the contractors) still have a few things to do," Tiede said. "The architect, who was here at the time of the walk-through, drew up a punch list, which is things that need to be worked on."

Tiede went on to reiterate the work the contractors had done is finished.

"For all practical purposes, they're done," he said. "We can go in there at any time."

However, students shouldn't expect to have access until next fall. A timetable should be completed soon and will give an approximate date for opening.

Tiede said the construction changes actually saved the College \$20,000.

"I was pleasantly surprised. Usually with construction you'll have a few, what they call, change orders," Tiede said. "When they finalized this, the change orders actually helped reduce the price."

Intramural programs get underway Tuesday

Students can participate in golf, tennis, sand volleyball, and a 5-kilometer run through the College's intramural program this fall.

The sign-up deadline for these four events is 5 p.m. today at the racquetball office, with meetings set for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coed softball, flag football, 4-on-4 volleyball, and volleyball are also scheduled for later in the semester. Soccer and frisbee golf are possible additions.

Instead of a racquetball tournament this year, there will be a ladder system for one-on-one matchups. Faculty and staff are invited to participate, and anyone interested in the program can visit the intramural office in Young Gymnasium, contact Cindy Wolfe at Ext. 9533, or look for bulletin board announcements.

Justice Center to host crime bill seminar

Southern's Criminal Justice Program will present an all-day seminar Wednesday to shed some light on Missouri's new Juvenile Crime Bill.

Several of the state's leading experts will share their information from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Matthews Hall auditorium.

"Missouri's new Juvenile Crime Bill will have a profound effect upon the way we deal with crimes committed by and against juveniles in the state of Missouri," said Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department.

The seminar will cover such topics as when it is permissible to photograph or fingerprint juveniles, restitution and parental responsibility, the changes when mirandizing juvenile suspects, and certification and minimum ages.

Joplin Health Dept. to provide HIV testing

Beginning Wednesday, the Joplin City Health Department will be on campus to provide HIV testing and counseling in the Student Health Center. The Center also provided this service last semester.

The testing will take place the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Kuhn Hall, Room 301.

It is free and confidential, and students must call 625-9323 for an appointment.

STUDENT LIFE



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Roommates Courtney Moore, freshman undecided, Amanda Squires, freshman biology major, Amy Heeler, senior business major, and Donna Davis, freshman elementary education major, battle for bathroom space.

Hall overcrowding not serious problem

Carnahan pleased with population rise in residence halls

By STEPHANIE GOAD
STAFF WRITER

Overcrowding in the residence halls on campus is not foreseen as a major problem, according to Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

"We're pleased the residence halls are filled," Carnahan said. "Last year we started with 500 students in the residence halls, and now we are currently at 535."

He said approximately 60 percent of these students are incoming freshmen.

Carnahan said there is no waiting list at this time, but a few of the residence halls are over the maximum occupancy.

Some have five women instead of the normal four, but Carnahan said he intends to "break some of those down."

"There isn't really a problem now," said Lesley Rhoads, a freshman residing in one of the halls

housing five women.

"At first it was really bad, but when we all got settled in it worked out fine," she said.

Rhoads also said the sharing of the facilities did not pose a problem.

In order to accommodate a fifth person, the College had to put a set of bunk beds along with a single bed in one of the bedrooms and two single beds in the other.

Normally, each room would have only two single beds.

"I don't anticipate any overcrowding after the next couple of weeks," Carnahan said. "Things are going well."

He also added the only major change in the residence halls was cable television.

"It has been added to all of the rooms, and it is included in the room and

board fee."

According to Carnahan, the students who wanted cable used to have to pay to have it hooked up, but now the College pays for it.

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Dean of students



OUR EDITORIALS

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Students should come first

If you're one of those people who waits until the last minute to turn in your housing application, don't be surprised to see your name on a waiting list to get into the residence halls next year.

In case you haven't noticed, it's starting to get a little cramped on campus and students are buzzing around like flies on roadkill. But this is only the beginning.

The freshman class includes approximately 130 more students than last year's class, and the high school graduating classes of the future are expected to increase in size for the next few years.

The College has an array of different paths it can take to accommodate the influx.

At the top of the list, the College could start considering ways to fund additional housing quarters.

In an attempt to find the plans for a new building to hold Southern's increasing population, we found nothing.

Without a new building to hold our students, the residence halls will have no choice but to turn the excess students away.

Another solution would be (dare we say) to raise tuition. This would help fund housing as well as help decrease the severe shortage of physical/recreational facilities on campus.

There are activities for residential students, but the condition of the services available are second-rate.

It is true, however, that extracurricular activities are a privilege some colleges fail to provide.

The College does attempt to supply its students with adequate leisure activities, but most of the facilities are either pending or in dire need of renovation.

We understand the College has several shortages needing immediate attention, but keeping the students satisfied should be a top priority. □

Parking not as bad as it could be

Residential students accustomed to parking near their domicile are finding the new school year less accommodating for their automobiles.

Searching for a parking spot is beginning to become second nature.

However, at some colleges, residential parking is

nowhere near the campus, and a normal jaunt to class becomes a cross-country hike across the maze of dormitories, Greek houses, and limitless educational facilities.

Southern students can count themselves lucky that they can walk to class without stopping to set up camp for the night. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Historic emblem under fire

Rebel flag's legacy stirs controversy in southern states

Even though the Civil War ended 130 years ago, the flag the Confederacy held high remains a target of civil rights groups today.

But before discussing the controversy concerning its public display, it is interesting to note some of the flag's history.

The red and blue symbol most people recognize as the Confederate flag is really the battle flag of the Army of Northern Virginia. It was commissioned by General Pierre Toutant Beauregard after the fighting at Bull Run to better distinguish it from the American flag during combat.

Beauregard's newly designed emblem was meant to stand for bravery, pride, and freedom to the Southern soldiers and everyone else living below the Mason-Dixon line.

However, many African-Americans today deem the flag as representing racial hatred and the institution of slavery. And with white supremacist groups like the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, and skinheads adopting the flag to help spread their messages, I can see why.

But what I don't understand is all of the active campaigning to remove it from public view by civil rights groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Why waste their time with such a petty

matter? The crusade these civil rights groups and Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun have taken against the flag is making things only worse, in my opinion. They are, in essence, stooping to the level of the hate groups they oppose.

Take, for example, what recently transpired in Alabama. It took a 17-year campaign to remove the Confederate flag from the top of the Montgomery capitol dome. Seventeen years! How civil rights groups can honestly call that a victory is beyond me. I call it a waste of almost two decades that could have gone into confronting more relevant issues that affect African-Americans.



By Dan Wiszkon
Managing Editor

Not only have attacks against the Confederate flag been aimed at political monuments, but to college students as well. A female student at Harvard some years back caused a series of protests and counter-protests by simply draping the star-studded X outside her dormitory window.

Civil rights groups have to realize the flag will never go away from southern American culture. The logo is embedded on everything from motorcycle jackets to beach towels. This relic's popularity over the past century has enabled it to become the fashion accessory it is today.

Now the South Carolina state flag, which has the Confederate emblem incorporated in it, is under fire. The state is facing a potential economic boycott by the NAACP. And with the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta quickly approaching, Georgia finds itself in a similar situation.

I believe civil rights groups are making a mistake by taking on the flag and its rich history. All they are really doing is gaining cheap publicity over a meaningless struggle. Drawing attention to something thought of as an injustice isn't the way to go. We're not in the 60s anymore.

Face it, everyone has to put up with something they don't like. Just because I have to live in a world with homosexuals doesn't mean I'm going to sit down and cry over it.

If people accepted what life deals them instead of whining about what could have been, more people would get along.

An insignia stitched on a piece of cloth shouldn't take priority over the real issues at hand. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Remembering Dr. Tate

Professor reflects on loss of friend, colleague

There is a legacy here at Missouri Southern which we don't think about or discuss very often. It is an experience in human events often ignored or denied by the larger society beyond our campus. It is the legacy of death, on our campus, it is the deaths of faculty members.

Since 1980, Lucille Dinges, Francisco Colon, Delbert Johnson, Darrel Dishman, Edith Compton, Robert Smith, Judith Conboy, Erin Ray, and David Tate have died while in active employment at this college. The richness in talents, skills, personalities, and academics are readily associated with their names by those among us who worked with them and remember them.

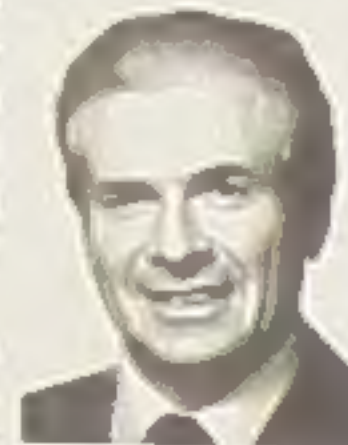
Objectively, a statistical probability could be calculated which would indicate whether our faculty mortality is high, low, or average, and knowledge would be derived through "cold" demography. The statistics would be of interest, but oblivious to the warmth, humor, compassion, and dedication these professors gave. Those of us who knew them should especially pause and reflect upon the profound contributions they made while they were here.

As this semester starts, daily I think of the losses to our social science department. During the past 15 months, three of our colleagues with whom I have worked since 1969 (Conboy), 1972 (Smith), and 1974 (Tate) have died. Their total combined service as faculty members was 68 years, a proud achievement gained through consistency, tenacity, and merit. Their personal and professional scholarship, student rapport gained through class performance and advisement, and their campus achievements significantly enriched the social sciences here at Southern.

All three had served as department chair (in 1980, Dr. Conboy followed Dr. Smith and was the first woman ever elected on campus to a department chair within the schools of arts and sciences, business, education and psychology) and were instrumental in the academic development of this college through the creation of new courses, 498 seminars, library acquisitions, and extensive committee and Faculty Senate service. They never offered a class that didn't "make," and every semester most of their classes were filled to overflowing. For all of these apparent reasons, fate seemed to have simply had them in the "right" place at the "right" time doing the "right" things.

It was definitely so with David Tate, my best friend and colleague who died Aug. 7. I simply cannot imagine him having been anywhere else where he would have had such a significant and important impact. His remarkably cogent, critical perspective brought into the introductory sociology and upper-division social deviancy classes (on rare and special times I would hide him about his "Tate-Tology" approach) challenged students thoughtfully respond to the positions he would take on issues, the data he used to support his views, and the carefully reasoned critique which would follow.

He awakened interests in hundreds of students who had taken the physical and cultural anthropology courses he so skillfully and carefully developed. His intricate lectures on species, natural selection, and evolution were always broached with a definitive statement that this is the scientific and secular explanation of human beginnings based on sets of data which resulted from rigorous research method and inscrutable peer review. A rare challenge by a creationist was met with a deft and careful retort that this was science and secular public education, and that all religions had "creation stories" in their dogma but also more importantly they had abiding concerns for a higher moral order and sense of ethic which on any evolutionary scale seemed far more important and pertinent than an ideological confrontation. Over these many years, I have never known of anyone who became incensed or offended by his intellectual response.



By Dr. Conrad Gubera
Professor of Sociology

He was a master teacher. He had worked at it, very hard, by developing an excellent set of class notes, rich in content, and a challenging yet personable classroom demeanor and style. He studied oral techniques and delivery (his wife, Esther, is a talented speech, drama, and debate teacher at the secondary level) and developed vocabulary and word-use skills which he incorporated into his classroom performance. Throughout my career, I have been told by some education professors and school administrators (and read in professional publications) that regardless of the subject (discipline) that is taught, the really good teachers have a bit of the dramatic (actor or "ham") in their classroom conduct. I believe that intentionally or otherwise, David definitely achieved this. He had, for his own perspective, a clear-cut "role" of what a college professor should be—and he acted it out and the essence of his "performance" was that he always was concerned about the quality of the course content, information, and knowledge he passed on to his classes.

He embraced life with vigor, yet paused at times to talk with me about death and dying.

Dr. Conrad Gubera

Semester after semester the anthropology and deviancy classes would finalize between 60 to 70 students per class because I never knew David to refuse a student permission to enroll or "add" (if physical space in classroom permitted) after the class had "officially" closed. Although divisions of opinions regarding this practice exist among faculty members, I always deeply admired him for his strong commitment to serving students' needs. In this capacity he was also remarkable in student academic advisement. At times he carried in excess of 60 academic advisees and yet he had the time and compassion to give counsel and listen to those students who had problems of a more personal concern. The culmination of these efforts brought certain "rewards" in 1991—a banner year for David (or so it seemed to me).

I don't believe anyone on campus ever accomplished what he did that year—securing the rank of "full" professor, receiving the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award, and elevation to the department chair. It may not have been the "triple crown" of professional baseball, but it certainly impressed me.

And how quickly it has all gone by. I clearly remember his job interview during the summer session in 1974. After a few minutes of introduction, to my surprise and elation, I discovered that he was from my hometown area and that we had both graduated from the same small high school, Pierce City, Mo., although he was

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NEW FACULTY

18 take new positions

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

New faces abound on campus this semester, and they don't all belong to students.

Eighteen new faculty members met for the annual faculty orientation workshop on Aug. 10.

"This is a slightly larger group than we have had in the four years that we've been doing the workshop," said Dr. Elaine Freeman, director of faculty orientation.

New faculty are introduced to several veteran faculty members and given a broad overview of the College.

With the nuts and bolts out of

the way, the afternoon is devoted to a topic of educational interest.

"In the past we focused on collaborative and cooperative learning," Freeman said.

"This year we included some information in that area, but we focused on technology-enhanced educational strategies."

Freeman finds the workshop "fun" because the flow of information goes both directions.

"We're bringing in exciting new people with a lot of good ideas to share," she said.

"We never give them the idea that 'we're here to orient you'; it's more of an opportunity to have a collaborative learning experience and share ideas from other places."

Dr. Jane Anderson Scholl, assistant professor of education, attended the workshop and found it helpful.

"When I first knew I was coming to Southern, I was told about the workshop," she said.

"It gave me a secure feeling [to know that I would have this orientation]. I had high expectations, and I was not disappointed."

Scholl particularly liked the variety of information and the variety of presenters.

She hopes the tradition continues.

"The environment here is conducive to people being successful," she said. "I'm already beginning to feel at home." □

WELCOME!

18 New Faculty Members

Ms. Sheri Beeler Physical Education	Ms. Susan M. Naufeld Education
Dr. Roger D. Chell Physical Sciences - Physics	Dr. Jane Anderson Scholl Education
Dr. Gloria L. Chuang Music	Dr. Shawn Smallman Social Science Department - History
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PEER TUTORS

Learning Center offers guidance to students

Mentors provide encouragement, expertise

By LESLIE ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

If the semester already feels overwhelming, help is available.

Melissa Zanon, Learning Center counselor, encourages students to take advantage of the resources the center offers.

"We provide tutoring for writing, mathematics, economics, accounting, the sciences, and general studies," Zanon said.

"Most of our tutoring is in lower-level courses, and we don't tutor foreign language," she said. "We do, however, offer help to students who are learning English as a second language."

All subjects except mathematics are scheduled in advance. Students meet their tutors twice weekly for writing and once weekly for other studies.

Mathematics is tutored on a drop-in basis. A schedule is posted in the center every Friday, and students may sign up for four half-hour sessions.

Students may also drift in for math tutoring without an appointment, Zanon said, but the tutors may already be booked.

"Additional drop-in tutoring [in mathematics] is available on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8," she said.

The center employs 19 peer tutors and one faculty member. Dianne Ely, senior business major, helps students with writing.

"I had tutored my own children and I worked with the STRIDE program at Crowder College, which is teaching adults to read," she said.

When Ely transferred to Southern a year ago, she began by helping a foreign student who was having trouble in her political science class.

"It just went from there," Ely said. She chose her subject because she always found it easy to write and she enjoys writing. Still, she believes that good writers are made, not born.

"I try to encourage [students] to use their own talents; they don't realize how much talent they have," Ely said.

"I also try to get them to realize that writing is a tool that can be learned."

A lot of people have the mistaken idea that you're born a good writer.

One of Ely's brightest moments came last semester when a student she had been tutoring wrote something for a national publication and won a prize.

"It made me feel good because he tried so hard and got something for his achievements, some recognition," she said.



Jolena Gilbert (right), senior mathematics major and a tutor in the Learning Center, helps Kurt Zenbauer, freshman computer science major, with a difficult assignment from his mathematics class Tuesday.

"I think the biggest thrill is when you've been working with a student who has had problems, and all of the sudden the light goes on," Ely said.

"They're suddenly wanting to

write, and they know what they're going to say. It becomes less of a chore and more of a joy for them."

The Learning Center is located in the white building between

Matthews Hall and Billingsly Student Center. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. □

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Gubera gathers non-textbook material in China

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A summer trip to China gave Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, new material and a fresh perspective for his classes.

"The discussions and the data enliven my Study of Populations class," he said. "It gives more of an insight from experiences which are not in the textbooks."

Gubera said the class recently had an involved discussion about China's one-child policy.

Since the mid 1970s, China has instigated a policy, not a law, to mandate one child per family in order to limit the population increase.

"The people of China accept this mandate," he said. "Many of the older people, the grandparents, dote on their one grandchild, and he or she gets more toys, more

education, and more attention."

Gubera said these single children sometimes are called "Little Emperors," and they are as spoiled or more spoiled than some children in the United States.

"I saw several children throw tantrums in public," he said. "You don't normally expect that from Chinese children because their culture focuses on self-control and obedience."

Gubera said China has a high infant mortality rate and that many families have their first child aborted if it is female.

"The tendency is to have a male because he is responsible for taking care of his aging parents," he said.

Because a majority of the children in China are males, Gubera said China may face a few problems in future years.

"Who will these boys marry?" he asked. "Will China find they have a more diverse population because

"We were told the first day, 'Try to think Chinese and see the world through Chinese eyes.'"

Dr. Conrad Gubera
Professor of sociology

they have to go outside China to marry?"

Jennifer Sewell, junior sociology major, said Gubera's journey through China gives the class a personal touch.

"His first-hand experience makes

it seem more real, more personable," she said. "In demography classes, we deal with cold numbers and population problems. His experiences help students relate to reality."

Gubera said his students respond well to the new information, and he likes the results.

"They ask a lot of questions," he said. "This kind of material isn't easily had with textbooks."

Gubera said he learned several things about the culture in general.

"We were told the first day, 'Try to think Chinese and see the world through Chinese eyes,'" he said. "I was told Americans are always loud and known for taking up more space than they need."

"I became very self-conscious about pulling myself in, standing straight, taking up as little space as possible, and not getting in other people's way," he said. "If a

million people do this, it really works."

Sewell said some of the stories Gubera tells in class are enlightening.

"His stories are serious, but they're also humorous," she said. "They're eye-opening. He told us of a boy whose biggest dream was to live in Branson."

"He said he would go to Silver Dollar City twice a day, and we all laughed when Dr. Gubera told us about it. But we don't stop to think. We take opportunities for granted here."

Sewell said Gubera uses the information gathered to his and his students' greatest advantage.

"He is a true sociologist—he's very observative," she said. "He looks at the culture and brings back experiences to his students. He helps us relate to them and to the real world." □

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Innovative E-mail assignment proves less than successful

Teverow brings technology to classroom

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Before most people understood that E-mail could not be received in a mailbox, Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history, began using it in his classes.

He tested the idea with his History 110 class in 1993, working in conjunction with students in Nashville, Tenn.

"It certainly wasn't my own idea," Teverow said. "It was Professor

[Richard] Goode at David Lipscomb University who first had the idea. We started doing E-mail exchanges on various topics, and since we both happened to be teaching U.S. History survey, he suggested we try this."

In place of a formal paper, students exchanged their ideas on a given topic via E-mail with one of the students at DLU, as well as with Goode and Teverow.

"An important component of learning is having students interact with each other, having them try

out ideas on each other," Teverow said. "It's less intimidating, perhaps, than doing that with a professor."

"An added advantage to doing this by E-mail is that students who are shy don't have to see that person face-to-face. There is less risk involved."

Teverow believes students learn more from sharing their ideas in writing rather than orally.

"Writing necessarily requires students to be more careful, to choose their words carefully," he said.

"Getting to the point where you know something well enough to write about it probably means you

know it better than just being able to talk about it."

The less formal writing style of E-mail exchanges allows some students the liberty to express their ideas more freely, Teverow said.

Students initially found the project intimidating, as did Teverow. For nearly all of them, it was their first experience with the Internet.

"To be honest, the vast majority were frustrated by the complexities of using the E-mail," he said. "It was extremely undependable at that time."

Though his first attempt with the E-mail project did not prove wildly

successful, Teverow tried again in 1994 with improved results.

He has no immediate plans for an E-mail assignment. Instead he tried a simplification of the idea last semester by having students exchange and respond to letters with other students in the class. Removing the intimidating factor of the technology resulted in a better experience, he said.

"The information superhighway may transform our lives, but if these assignments are any indication, it is naive to expect it to replace face to face communication," Teverow said. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Increased enrollment at Southeast Mo. State

Total headcount at Southeast Missouri State University is up more than 100 students, according to an enrollment report compiled after the first day of classes for the fall 1995 semester, which began Aug. 21.

Total headcount stands at 7,783, up 110 students from the fall of 1994.

University officials are especially enthused about the dramatic increase in beginning freshmen, up 15 percent from last year. It is the highest increase since 1981.

Juan Crites, director of admissions, credits the increase to an improved academic reputation and effective marketing strategies.

"We are the kind of institution students are seeking," he said. "More and more, students are looking for four-year public institutions. We are affordable. We are safe. We are comprehensive, and we offer a lot, including five of the most popular majors—pre-medicine, business, education, psychology, and engineering."

Graduate student headcount also is up. Figures indicate that 644 graduate students currently are enrolled at Southeast. □

Northwest Mo. students carry book computers

For elementary school children it was a Big Chief tablet, then came the three-ring binder for high schoolers, and more recently at the college level, well-prepared students carried a Franklin planner.

Now they've gone the next step at Northwest Missouri State University, the Electronic Campus, where on-campus students have had computers in their residence hall rooms since 1987.

This fall, nearly 100 freshmen are carrying state-of-the-art notebook computers to class with them, to the library, back to their residence hall rooms at night, and perhaps home for study on weekend visits.

The notebook computer, loaded with Windows-based software, is the central tool in what the university is calling the "Electronic Campus Plus Pilot Project" launched this semester.

That project has placed notebook computers in the hands of 95 freshmen for use in general education courses, taught by 11 specially-trained faculty members, throughout the 1995-96 year. Cost to the students who elected to be a part of the pilot project is \$395 per semester to lease the notebook and related equipment and software.

The goal of the pilot is to improve the learning process for Northwest students through computer-related teaching methods and access to a fantastic array of data bases. In addition, the university is preparing for the not-too-distant future when all Northwest students will have notebook computers as their constant companions in preparation for the world into which they will emerge four or five years later. □

MWSC art instructor to exhibit works

Richard Scherubel, St. Joseph artist and part-time instructor of art at Missouri Western State College, will exhibit collage paintings in the "Recycling with Imagination: Art from Detritus II" exhibition. The exhibition will be held in Kansas City in September and in Phoenix, Ariz., in October.

The show represents more than 70 artists from across the nation who transform discarded, found, and recycled materials into painting, collage, sculpture, assemblage, installation, poetry, and performance art. Scherubel's paintings include scraps of various fabrics, cardboards, and miscellaneous elements suggestive of polluted landscapes.

The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-24, at Massman Gallery of Rockhurst College in Kansas City. From Sept. 1-20, the exhibition will be held at The Writer's Place, also in Kansas City. Show times and information may be obtained at (816) 753-1090. □

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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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Deadline for intramural flag football, golf league and tennis sign up
1 a.m. to 1 p.m.—KOINONIA Campus Ministries, Basement of Dorm B
12:15 p.m.—Sigma Tau Delta meeting for officer elections, Seminar Room
12:15 p.m.—Psychology Club meeting Room 123
12:20 p.m.—Young Democrats meeting, WH 223
5:30 p.m.—BSU "TNT" dorm package assembly night

Tomorrow 1

4 p.m.—Sorority Rush registration form due, BSC 102

Saturday 2

MSSC Cross Country Invitational, MSSC Cross Country Course near Fred G. Hughes Stadium

Sunday 3

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study, behind the residence halls

Monday 4

Labor Day—no school
7 p.m.—BSU Bible Studies, behind the residence halls

Tuesday 5

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Student Senate elections, all campus locations
Noon—College Republicans meeting, BSC 306
3 p.m.—Intramural meeting for tennis
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Student Senate elections, BSC 102
6:30 p.m. to 8:35—Greek Sorority Rush, BSU Second Floor Lounge

Wednesday 6

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Seminar on Missouri's new juvenile crime bill, Matthews Auditorium
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Student Senate elections, campus locations
12 p.m. to 12:50—BSU Luncheon/counter
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Free and confidential HIV testing by Joplin City Health Department, Kuhn Hall, Room 301, call 625-9323 for more information
2 p.m.—First CAB meeting, BSC 310
4 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma meeting, BSC 306
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Student Senate elections, BSC 102
6:15 p.m.—Greek Sorority Rush, BSU Second Floor Lounge

If you have an event you would like listed on the Campus Events Calendar, please call Fekadu at The Chart 625-9311

STUDENT SENATE

Elections for campus senators slated

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

Elections for Student Senate positions are set for Tuesday and Wednesday at locations around campus.

The petitions have been available at the Student Services offices since Aug. 21. Forty-four petitions have been picked up, according to Doug Carnahan, adviser to the Student Senate and dean of students. The deadline to turn in the petition forms is today.

The requirements to be eligible to run for the senator positions include being a full-time student at Missouri Southern, having a grade-point average of 2.0 or better, and having 168 Missouri Southern students sign the petition before the deadline.

Forty positions exist on the Student Senate and four of them, which are

executive positions, are filled during the spring semester of each year. The other 36 positions are to be occupied by senators encompassing nine students from each class.

The executive officers elected during the spring elections are John Weedn, president; Kim Jones, vice president; Holli Spencer, treasurer; and Stacey Mathes, secretary. Candidates for these positions must be either juniors or seniors and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Although a class breakdown of the students who picked up the petitions forms is not available yet, Carnahan believes it is mostly freshmen and sophomores.

"We've had trouble getting juniors and seniors to run," Carnahan said. "But that is changing, and I hope that continues."

The involvement of more freshmen and sophomores could be attributed to

the fact that these students reside on campus and thus are more interested in what happens on campus, Carnahan said.

The purpose of the Student Senate is to allocate money to the various student organizations on campus and to act as a liaison between the administration and the student body. Members of the Student Senate also have voting memberships in Faculty Senate committees such as academic policies, library, and special events.

While the only requirement to be able to vote is being enrolled in classes, the turnout is usually poor, Carnahan said.

"Voting turnout is usually light. About 500 students would be a good turnout for this election," he said.

The first Student Senate meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in BSU 211. The meetings are open to the campus.

Voting Schedule and Locations

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Matthews Hall
10 p.m.-noon—Justice Center
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.—Taylor Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—BSC Stairwell
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Student Activities Office

SHRIMP FEED

Students, faculty rub shoulders

By TONYA PRINCE
STAFF WRITER



Criminal Justice majors Misty Richey (front) and Michelle Alumbaugh get their share at the annual Shrimp Feed held Friday in the Anderson Justice Center.

Freshmen, upperclassmen, faculty, and police chiefs all mingled at the annual Shrimp Feed Friday at the Anderson Justice Center.

The event is held the first Friday of every school year.

"It is kind of a unique thing for this area," said Dr. Blake Wolfe, head of the criminal justice department.

What is now called the Shrimp Feed started out as the Freshmen Shrimp Feed, an event intended to get

the freshmen to meet upperclassmen and faculty.

"It started as a retention tool and has expanded every year," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology. Spurlin originally started the shrimp feed.

"I thought it was a good thing for the school to do for the students," said freshman Shelly Totty.

Legislators, judges, faculty, and police chiefs all came to give their support to the criminal justice department.

"I got to meet a lot of people in the department that I hadn't got a chance to meet," Totty said.

"It is also real good in terms of freshmen getting to visit with professors in a relaxed atmosphere," Wolfe said.

There were about 300 in attendance, most of them students, at this year's Shrimp Feed. Some \$600 was raised for the United Way.

DEBATE TEAM

Squad to ready for match

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

While most students will be at play during Labor Day weekend, the Missouri Southern debate team will be hard at work.

"We'll start our first work sessions Labor Day weekend," said Eric Marlow, debate coach. "We'll be locked in researching some aspect of Latin America."

The team has been doing background research over Latin America, but it's limited to what it can do until tomorrow, when the topic is released.

"We know the area already," Marlow said. "We just don't know the specific wording of the topic we'll debate."

To research, the team uses an on-line computer database that gives them resources other schools don't have access to, Marlow said.

The team has four returning members, Eric Dicharry, senior finance major; Kim Lawry, senior history major; Jason Newton, senior speech communications major; and Stuart Smart, sophomore communications major; and one transfer student, Doug Dennis, freshman undecided major.

Although debate is generally a two-person activity, Marlow doesn't see the odd number of debaters as a large problem.

"A lot of schools have good two-person debate teams, but they don't have a good team overall," he said. "They act too individually."

"I think the best thing we have going for us is that all of our debaters are almost equal in terms of skill and ability."

Dennis also sees the unity of the group as a positive characteristic.

"We all have different ideas and we're all good at different things," he said, "and so either we're going to complement each other or we're going to be seriously lacking on a lot of parts."

The team's corresponding strengths will aid it in its competition in the Midwest.

"This is the toughest place in the country to debate," Marlow said, "because of the quality of competition and the strength of the teams is far superior than it is anywhere else."

Although it is facing other challenging teams, Dennis is confident of the team's ability.

"We're as competent if not more competent than anyone else debating right now," he said.

"We know what's going on and we've got a great coaching staff and we're willing to work hard."

The team will face its first competition Sept. 22-24 at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan.

FALL RUSH

Greeks prepare for membership drive

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Greeks on campus are starting their Fall Rush with several activities planned for next week.

Rush, an event designed to serve as a membership drive for the two sororities and three fraternities on campus, is expected to go well, said Jeremy Zaerr, president of Sigma Pi.

"We are getting a good share," Zaerr said. He said Greek life at Missouri Southern is not as popular as it is in other colleges. The reasons

could be because most students are older and commuters, plus the "anti-Greek" attitude of most students on this campus, Zaerr said.

Although the rush for the fraternities has already passed, if any potential rushees show interest the fraternities will schedule a rush activity again, Zaerr said.

Both the sororities and the fraternities carry out various activities throughout the year. Zeta Tau Alpha, a national sorority, is involved both on and off campus. Its members participate in the Student Senate, Campus Activities Board, and College Orientation, and conduct projects includ-

ing food drives, blood drives and walk-a-thons.

Along with the other national sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, they organize parties such as the Christmas formal, Halloween party, and other events that help them mix with the fraternities on campus.

"You get a lot of contacts and make a lot of friends by being involved in Greeks," Zaerr said.

The schedule of events for the sororities are set from Sept. 5-7. For more information on either the fraternities or the sororities, students may contact Jan Crandall in Hearnes Hall 307 or at 625-3034.

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in the class six years behind mine. He joked about my prowess as a local high school athlete when he had been in junior high, and we talked families (I knew his dad, and recalled that for one year the rural school bus I rode had been routed past his folks' farm where he, a dark haired little boy, had taken some of his first steps into the larger world; my parents had known his maternal grandfather who had delivered the U.S. Mail to their rural farm for years.)

And then we talked sociology. We liked each other immediately. Many times in the following years we would talk the same talk of hometown, former teachers, families, farm, and eventually a lot of sociology and anthropology. Through it all I learned very much from and about David. And I came to know of the great respect and affection he had for his widowed mother, the intense

pride and joy he had through his daughters, Tara and Trista, in their school activities and scholarship, and the deep bonding with his wife, Esther, whose stability, companionship, and love anchored so much of his life.

He completed his Ph.D. in my alma mater, and then suddenly in the summer of 1981 sustained his first heart attack. Deterioration was such that by 1985-86, a heart transplant was deemed inevitable. In September 1986, David became the 17th heart transplant patient at Kansas University's Medical Center. He functioned extremely well with his new heart. Hard work, athletics, home remodeling, Arkansas football and basketball, and dozens of other undertakings kept him busy, interested, and active.

His life during the past 10 years was as rich and full of content as the courses he taught. And he embraced life with vigor, yet paused

at times to talk with me about death and dying. I value the penetrating and thoughtful observations he shared with me.

As I was preparing to leave for China in early June, I said goodbye to David, who was in our department conference room. He casually remarked, "I hope we both survive this summer." Selfishly I thought of the risks I would be encountering and replied, "I hope so too, but I'm somewhat anxious." Laughingly he replied, "You'll be all right. You're from Pierce City."

That was the last time I would ever talk with him.

His funeral was an emotional experience for me, for all of us who were close to him. As a cultural event, it allowed for the initial surge of grief and mourning to occur. We who survive him will go on with life—it was meant to be this way, and he understood this intellectually and emotionally.

I've dedicated the Soc 291 course

(Sociology of Death and Dying) in his memory this semester, and I have begun to share his thoughts and beliefs with the class. It helps me move past the pain.

I wish the College administration would have held a short memorial service for him. I know that many students who had not known of his death until they returned to class would have appreciated it. Maybe certain circumstances prevented it, but in David's memory, and the others who have preceded him, our College should remember them in some way.

Meanwhile, our department will make adjustments and transitions in a "professional" manner as we carry on.

I've thought about the wisdom of Lincoln at Gettysburg when he stressed that it is we, the living, who must rededicate and reconstitute ourselves and our will.

David would like that; he would have done the same thing.

Alumni exhibit opens renovated Spiva

Good, Leyva show paintings, pottery in remodeled gallery

By KEVIN COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The newly remodeled Spiva Art Gallery at Missouri Southern held its season opening Friday, Aug. 25, featuring works by two Southern alumni, Jorge Leyva and John Good.

Leyva is showing several of his paintings, which he believes represent a variety of styles and textures.

"I felt like a variety of work was more appropriate than a consistent show," he said. "I spent a long time doing so many different kinds of work, and now I'm pushed to do a consistent body of work, to build up an identity."

"I like the school environment because I can be loose with my work. Everything doesn't have to look the same."

Leyva, a 1990 graduate of Southern, received a master's of fine art degree from Pittsburg State University and a master's in painting and drawing from California College of Arts and Crafts.

Earlier this year, Leyva's work

was featured in an exhibit at Mills Pond House Gallery and Museum in St. James, N.Y. He has also exhibited in Russia.

"This is the first time in a couple of years that I've been able to show my big work," Leyva said. "They're not very portable. You can't hang them behind your couch."

"You need space to appreciate the work," he said. "I think this space gives you that. It doesn't fight with you. You can keep your distance from it. You have to give it room to appreciate it fully."

Leyva said he is looking forward to hearing what people have to say about the exhibit.

"This is a conservative area," he said. "I tried to mix up the work. Some of it has an edge. Some of it has a message."

"People sometimes want me to explain my work. I like to keep a little of the mystery. I like for them to bring their own experiences to the work. It's a visual experience."

Good, who graduated from Southern in 1988, went on to Kansas State University to get a master's of fine arts in ceramics. Good has studied under Angelo Garzio and Yoshino Ikeda and taught at St. Mary's College and KSU.



Dan Johnston, freshman theatre major, observes a painting by Jorge Leyva. The work is part of an alumni exhibit that also includes pottery by John Good and will be on display at Spiva until Sept. 22.

Good is showing nonfunctional, high-fire ceramics, with a variety of glazes.

"When we became aware that we would have a gallery," said Val Christensen, director of the

Spiva Art Gallery, "we felt that it was important to involve the alumni of the art department."

Turnout for the reception Friday was good, Christensen said.

"We had faculty members, students, and people from the community," he said. "It was a very good turnout."

The show will run through Sept. 22. □

SPIVA ART GALLERY

Department relocates to new bi-level facility

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

Additional space for the art department comes with the opening of the new Spiva Art Gallery.

"It exceeds our expectations," said Jim Bray, head of the art department. "Originally we couldn't visualize what this would do for us."

The art department had been using the old ECM building for its painting and drawing classes. The new painting studio alone contains 1,600 square feet, with additional space on the upper level.

The department has moved completely out of the ECM building,

which is a plus for the department, said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Gallery.

"It will create a greater sense of departmental unity among the students," he said. "We'll see greater interaction, and they'll be making greater use of the gallery."

Forty percent of the prior available space is currently being used as a gallery. The artists must keep this in mind when setting up a show, Christensen said.

"This creates a more intimate environment," he said. "It allows us to fill the gallery with less work, and hopefully will cause the things to be of better quality."

The focus of the gallery will

change from being community oriented under the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts.

"It is a departmental gallery," Christensen said, "so our concern is the benefit of the student."

The two-level facility now houses the gallery, a painting studio, a drawing classroom, a computer lab, the department head's office, the department's secretary's office, a faculty office, a mechanical room, and storage areas.

The computer lab is exclusively for computer graphics with 12 stations and room for 24 students to work. Bray believes this will cause the computer graphics program to grow.

The drawing room on the upper level can be used for other classes than drawing, he said.

"It can be used for drawing, watercolors, and for a variety of purposes," Bray said. "It is something that we have needed for a long time."

Christensen's work preparing for the opening of the gallery is commendable, Bray said.

"I don't know how many weekends and evenings he's been down here building fixtures for Jorge Leyva and John Good's show," he said.

With the help of Matt Myers, sophomore art major, Christensen built the fixtures out of existing ply-

wood in the department. "The gallery is good-looking with four or five very nice display pieces," Bray said, "and I don't think any of us have taken the time to thank him."

Additional classrooms and storage areas, created by the renovation, have given the department more options than it had before.

"Having this space has given us an opportunity to recover space in the existing facility," Bray said.

Bray's old office is now used as an area for visual aids and graphics.

A conference room and a research area for the faculty are also using old spaces now in the new Spiva areas. □

ART DEPARTMENT

Students study sculpture in Scandinavian school

Program includes trips to London, Scandinavia

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

After six weeks of field trips and studying in foreign territory, 10 art majors and one faculty member have experiences they will never forget.

"I saw so many things that were outrageous," said Jean Schroter, senior art major. "I would walk into a museum and my jaw would hit the floor and stay there until I left. I wouldn't trade it (the experience) for anything."

The students stayed and studied at the Folkhogskola in Mullsjö, Sweden, for three days a week and took field trips for the remaining four days, from May 28 through July 8. The Folkhogskola is a "people's college."

"We took eight field trips in all so we were on the road a good deal of the time," said Jon Fowler, professor of art. "We saw what is only in books, but especially in Britain there is an incredible amount of art works."

The group took trips to Orland Island, Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, London, and other smaller towns around Mullsjö.

"On our first day of a field trip, we would hit all the required museums," Schroter said. "The rest of the time we were free to wander wherever we wanted."

The students took two classes, one in art history and one in sculpture.

Part of the art history class involved oral presentations on works of art viewed on field trips.

In the sculpture class, each student did a profile bust of his or her roommate.

Other students attending were James Keltner, Bobbie Snodgrass, Kim Ball, Angela Johnson, Sarah Hall, Stacy Schoen, Stacy Winkler, Mark Schmidt, and Paula Giltner.

Although the students had free time, they would still eat together. "Nobody wanted to try the food," Schroter said, "but I'll try anything."

At one restaurant, students had a choice of chicken or moose. Everyone except Schroter chose chicken.

"The moose was good," she said. "It was sweeter than beef, but not as tough and gamy as venison."

Fowler said the trip went smoothly due to the willingness of the Scandinavians to speak English, the bus schedules were in English, and the monetary system was similar to the United States.

"It was always easy to point at something if you were in trouble," he said.

The group encountered a weaker dollar system, making

things more expensive.

"We all had limited budgets," Fowler said, "and we all overspent our budgets."

He believes meeting the people there and spending time with the families was the key to the trip.

"It was better than staying in a hotel," he said, "because you were in the people's homes. □



COURTESY OF JON FOWLER

Students who studied in Sweden stand in front of the statue of Beethoven in Oslo, Norway, as part of the art exchange program.

By VIRGINIA SHAVER
STAFF WRITER

Musicians tour Europe

Laughter, food, fellowship, singing, excitement, and surprise were words used to describe the trip taken by *Sounds of Missouri* to Austria and Germany this summer.

The *Sounds of Missouri* included Missouri Southern students as well as other members of the community, as part of a choir and a band. The trip lasted from

June 11 through June 30. "The people of Austria are so friendly," said Elizabeth Lovland, senior music major.

"It was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life."

The response and appreciation the Austrians expressed following each performance amazed the group.

"I learned a new meaning of body language," said Amy Mayberry, senior psychology major.

When the Austrians kept saying "sehr gut," the students found that it meant "very good."

Both students said they noticed a cultural difference between Austria and Germany.

"The German people were more reserved," Mayberry said, "not bubbly and excitable as the Austrians."

Deb Gipson, residence hall director, said the event most memorable to her was the restoration of the Cathedral in

Salzburg to its original structure at Mozart's time.

Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, organized the trip and directed the band.

"One rather scary incident occurred in Vienna when several members of our troupe were witness to a Neo-Nazi demonstration and parade, complete with uniforms and loud speakers mounted on trucks," he said.

"It looked and sounded like a 1936 news film." □

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Oct. 10—End of Innocence
Oct. 24—Late Spring
Nov. 14—Au Hasard Balthazar
Nov. 28—Three
Spiva Art Gallery
Now until Sept. 22—Jorge Leyva paintings, John Good ceramics

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Charles Bar and Grill
782-4944
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623-0043
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SPRINGFIELD

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Oct. 10, 12—Fiddler on the Roof
Oct. 14—Sleeping Beauty
Nov. 12—Five Guys Named Moe
Hammons Student Center
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Sept. 21—Chicago

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MAGAZINE POLL

'Money' rates Joplin in top 100 places to live

Joplin outranks Springfield for first time

By J. L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Once again, the city of Joplin finds itself listed in *Money* magazine's top 300 places to live. In the magazine's ninth annual poll, the fair city of Joplin was ranked No. 73.

Joplin follows Columbia, Mo. 31, as the highest ranked Missouri city, topping cities such as Springfield, St. Louis, and Kansas City.

The top 10 cities, according to the magazine, were mainly comprised of Florida cities, five of which are in the big 10 with Gainesville taking the top notch.

Perennial top finisher Rochester, Minn., came in No. 2 for the second year in a row after taking the crown in 1993.

Joplin Mayor Ron Richard attributes the city's ranking to its ever-increasing job rate growth and the city's continued efforts to attract more and more businesses.

"Our efforts involving economic development in the last ten years

have paid off," the mayor said. "Joplin's a well kept secret that's finally getting out."

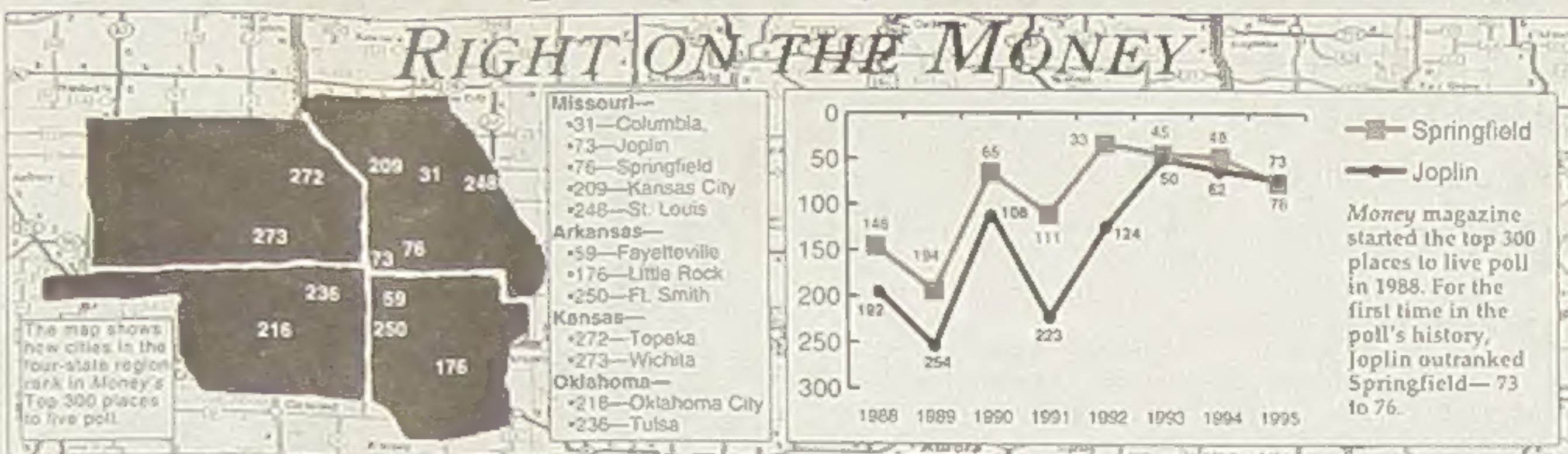
Richard said the city takes great interest in recruiting businesses. Helping businesses expand is another of the city's priorities, according to the mayor.

Rob O'Brien, president of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, also believes the economic climate of Joplin is the reason the city is so popular in the poll.

"The diversity of Joplin's economic base has helped the city remain relatively immune from recessions," O'Brien said.

O'Brien doesn't put much stock in the poll. He said it's nice to be recognized, but points out that according to the magazine, if a city's employment rate increases steadily over several years, it's not as impressive as a city that has a major jump after having a couple of years of poor employment rates.

"Joplin's economy has been growing very steadily, but not explosively. I noticed in the *Money* magazine article they talk about hot job mar-



kets in Gainesville, but that's a relative shift. I think that's a significant factor," O'Brien said.

Crime is another factor the magazine uses to determine the best place to live in America and Richard said that the employment possibilities in Joplin are why there is so little crime in the city.

"Crime is down 20 percent over a few years ago," the mayor said. "That's because people can go out and earn themselves an income instead of resorting to other means."

Both city officials agree Joplin's

ranking is impressive considering most of the cities ranked above them are high tourist areas, with many of the top 10 cities having oceans nearby.

Some of the cities ranked below Joplin also rely heavily on tourist money.

Richard said that the city lures businesses because Joplin makes an effort to find out what industry needs and wants, and offers training for those needs at Missouri Southern, Crowder College and Franklin Technical School.

O'Brien said Southern should

take some of the credit for Joplin's ranking as well.

"Joplin enjoys the benefits of having a four-year institution and all the different things that go with it," he said.

Even though Southern isn't a major drive in the economy of Joplin, O'Brien said, it still gives Joplin the opportunity for higher education and some of the cultural amenities that four-year colleges bring.

Maybe the most intriguing item about this year's poll is the fact that Joplin outranked Springfield for the

first time in the poll's history. Even with Joplin dropping from No. 62 to No. 73, Springfield's drop from No. 48 to No. 76 took many by surprise.

"We've had a few companies that chose Joplin over Springfield," Richard said.

The poll, which was started in 1987, has never had a Midwestern city or community at the No. 1 spot.

In the first poll there were only 100 places listed and no Missouri town made the list. Joplin first appeared on the list in 1988 with a ranking of 192.

TARGET TO OPEN

New store brings in fresh spirit

By CASEY MILLER
EDITORIAL EDITOR

A new nationwide discount store is setting its sights on a thriving Joplin market.

Target, a Minneapolis-based chain with more than 500 outlets around the country, will have its grand opening Sunday, Oct. 8, at Seventh and Range Line. The opening will include a laser show and a ribbon-cutting ceremony with an unannounced celebrity guest. There will be a quiet opening Oct. 4.

Target sells a broad variety of items. It carries name-brand clothing such as Britannica, Morona, and Stanza, plus the in-store label. The store will also offer Missouri Southern T-shirts.

"We pretty much sell what Wal-Mart and Kmart do, but with higher quality," said Dan Kragness, the merchandise flow manager for the Joplin store.

Kragness says Target is an upscale retail discount store that tries to eliminate the often chaotic shopping experience.

"We call our customers guests and try to keep our shopping experience a fast, fun, and friendly atmosphere," he said. "We do that by keeping the store clean, free of distractions, and having a fast checkout."

Target's hours will be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. The store has been filling openings swiftly, with 130 positions ranging from stockers to checkout clerks.

Target has opened stores in St. Louis and Jefferson City, and will expand into the Springfield area in March.

Paul Freeze, the merchandise team lead, said Target opened a store in Joplin because it is a growing market.

"People have been begging for it," Freeze said.

"We look forward to being in the market," said Kragness.

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce president Rob O'Brien believes the store's location and timing is right for Target to carve its own niche into the Joplin area.

"I think Target will do well here," O'Brien said. "What Target has done is they have created a major shopping destination near another major shopping destination—the mall."

"One thing we have to look at is when is the market right for a product. Once the Joplin market broke \$1 billion, they had to consider their opportunities. Target has realized that there is a thriving market here, and they want a piece of that market."

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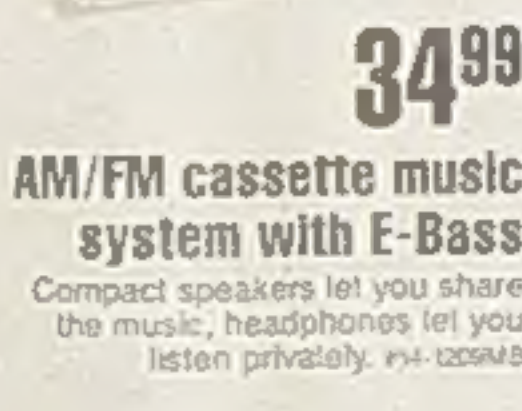
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Lions begin a new era

Ballard decides on career move

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

After five years as Missouri Southern's women's head basketball coach Scott Ballard has decided to move his career to Central Missouri State University.

Ballard said he was not looking to leave Southern, but the opportunity with CMSU was too good to pass up. He interviewed there near the end of June and was offered the position around the beginning of July.

"It's a lot better job, in regards to better facilities, fringe benefits, and salary," Ballard said. "It gives me the opportunity to better provide for my family."

Ballard, 37, compiled a 101-41 record as Southern and took the Lady Lions to post-season conference play for the third consecutive season last year. Twice, Southern earned a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Ballard led the girls' team at Marshfield High School to 96 consecutive wins and three straight state championships before coming to Southern in 1990. His nine-year record at Marshfield was 199-55.

Jerry Hughes, CMSU athletic director, said he was impressed with Ballard's coaching resume and looks forward to the possibilities he brings to the program.

"He has proven that he is a winner," Hughes said. "He won many titles at Marshfield and turned MSSC's program around. He will do a wonderful job here. We have great facilities and a rich tradition here at Central Missouri. We expect a lot of good things from Scott."

CMSU finished 17-10 under Jon Pye last season, including an 88-64 loss to Southern in the first round of the MIAA post-season tournament.

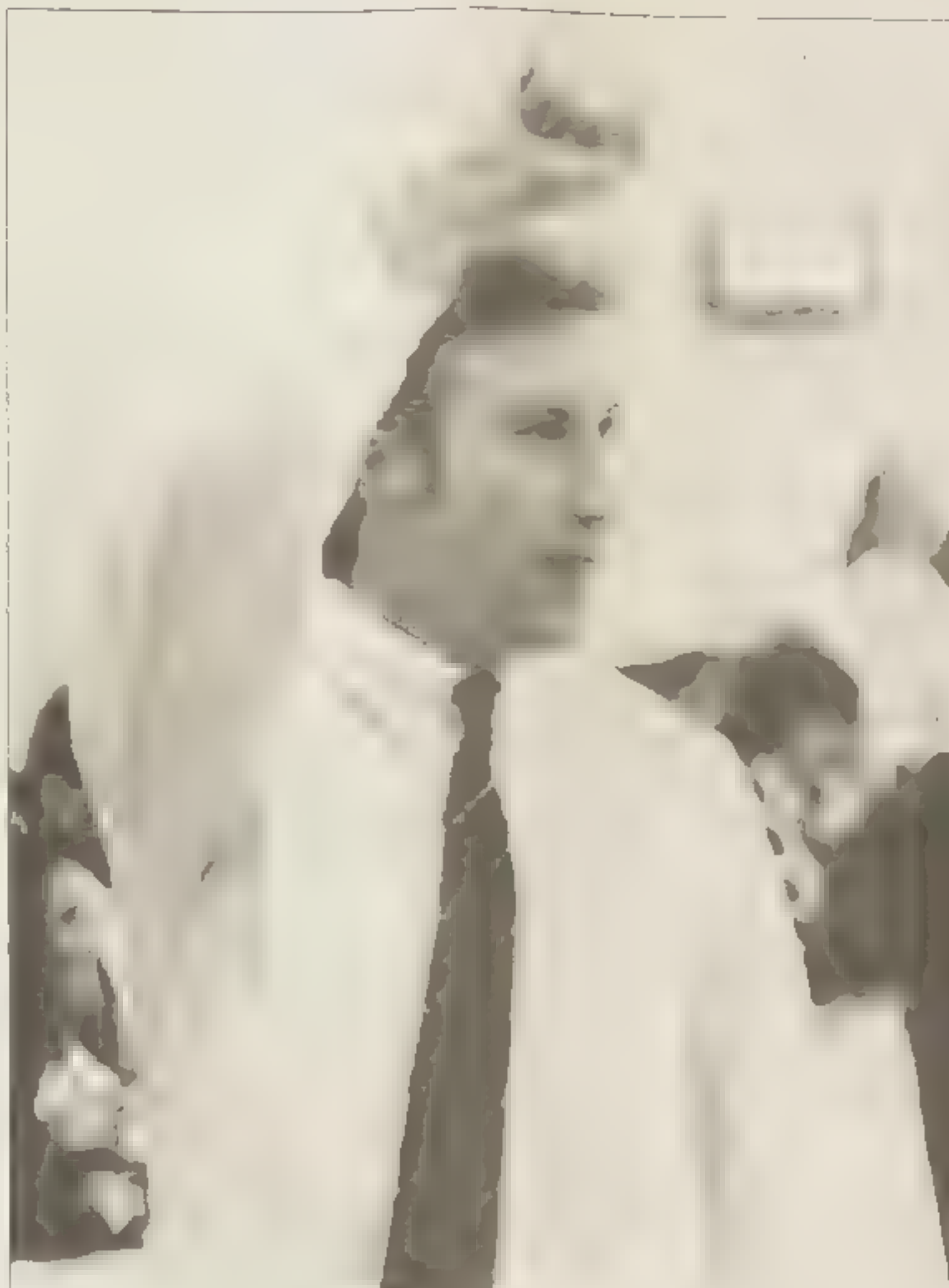
Ballard hopes to implement the same style of play as he did at Southern, but said the transition will be hardest for the returning Jennies.

"The change in attitude, style of play, and the change in roles are more difficult for returning players," he said.

Ballard is looking forward when the Jennies and the Lady Lions meet in conference play.

"It will be intense, but that's simply because I'm such a competitor," he said.

"I'm looking forward to it. It will be nice to see a lot of those people again."



Former Lady Lion basketball coach Scott Ballard calls the plays during a home game last season. Ballard is now the women's basketball coach at Central Missouri State.

Kaifes sets goal: team visibility

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Making the team more visible in the community and stressing volunteer service are among the goals of new Lady Lion basketball coach Carrie Kaifes.

"I hope to get more student involvement," Kaifes said. "I've appreciated the past, but it can be even better than it is now."

Before coming to Southern in 1993, Kaifes coached basketball at Pratt (Kan.) Community College and basketball and volleyball at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. She compiled more than 70 victories at the two schools.

Southern, Kaifes' duties as assistant coach included recruiting, scouting, and working with the team's post players. She also had one other important job.

"I made sure Coach [Scott] Ballard only had to worry about the games," she said. "At game time that's all he had to think about."

Kaifes said the 1995-96 Lady Lions again will feature the three-point shot, sure to please the crowd.

"It is the mainstay of our

offense, and it's an equivalent to the slam dunk, as far as the fans are concerned," she said. "It's really fun to watch the students."

The new head coach also hopes to strengthen team unity and loyalty.

"I want to bring the group together as one, to see it out there on the court and in practice," she said. "When good things are achieved, we will have done it together."

"I expect loyalty to the team, the coach, the assistant coach, and to Southern. I expect them to give it their all at all times, as a player and as a person. I think that's what every coach expects."

Ballard believes Kaifes will be successful in her new role.

"She's been a head coach before," he said. "She likes the uptempo pace Southern has, and she is used to that style of program. She has good leaders returning. There should not be much change in regard to success."

Kaifes said she was excited about the potential in the classroom.

"It is not really a goal I have set for them, but it is nice to see an All-American on the floor and in the classroom."

Ballard's success at Southern

1990-91	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95
5-11 in league 12-15 overall	12-4 in league 18-10 overall	14-2 in league 27-4 overall	13-3 in league 25-5 overall	13-3 in league 20-8 overall

The Scoreboard

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

1994

1 Pittsburg State	9-0
2 Northeast Missouri	7-2
3 Missouri Western	6-3
4 Central Missouri State	6-3
5 Missouri Southern	5-4
6 Missouri-Rolla	4-4-1
7 Emporia State	4-5
8 Washburn	2-7
9 Southwest Baptist	1-7-1
10 Northwest Missouri	0-9

Coaches' Poll Preseason

1 Pittsburg State (81)
2 Central Missouri State (64)
3 Missouri Western (62)
4 Northeast Missouri (58)
5 Missouri Southern (54)
6 Emporia State (34)
7 Missouri-Rolla (27)
8 Washburn (25)
9 Northwest Missouri (24)
10 Southwest Baptist (21)

MIAA Leaders

1994

RUSHING—Albert Bland, MSSC, 1,496 yds.
RECEIVING—Anthony Simpson, CMSU, 49 rec., 860 yds.
FIELD GOALS—Clay Rush, MWSC, 12/22
INTERCEPTIONS—Darin Nix, UMR, 8 int.
SCORING—Emmett Staples, CMSU, 10.0 Pts/G.

Top Returning Lions

Offense

TB—Albert Bland, sr, 5-8, 190
OG—Yancy McNight, sr, 6-5, 292
OT—Don Beck, jr, 6-6, 297
K—Eric Jackson, sr, 5-10, 172

Defense

DE—Richard Jordan, jr, 6-0, 239
LB—Melvin Monet, sr, 5-11, 199
DT—Steve Halverson, jr, 6-5, 267
P—Benton Dawson, sr, 5-11, 178

New Recruits

Offense

QB—Andy Anderson, fr, 6-1, 180, Rolla, Mo.
QB—Brad Cornelison, jr, 5-11, 170, Texhoma, Okla.
QB—Mark Lloyd, fr, 6-0, 190, Blue Springs, Mo.

Defense

LB—Chris Crawford, fr, 6-2, 225, Midwest City, Okla.
DL—Jerako Love, fr, 6-3, 242, Tulsa, Okla.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

1994

1 Central Missouri	17-1
2 Northeast Missouri	14-4
3 Emporia State	13-6
4 Missouri Western	11-7
5 Missouri Southern	10-8
6 Northwest Missouri	8-10
7 Pittsburg State	7-11
8 Washburn	5-13
9 Missouri-St. Louis	5-13
10 Southwest Baptist	0-18

Coaches' Poll Preseason

1 Central Missouri State (81)
2 Northeast Missouri State (71)
3 Emporia State (66)
4 Missouri Western State (57)
5 Missouri Southern (55)
6 Northwest Missouri State (37)
7 Pittsburg State (34)
8 Missouri-St. Louis (27)
9 Washburn (19)
10 Southwest Baptist (9)

MIAA Leaders

1994

HITTING—Jane Salkowski, CMSU, 370
KILLS/GAME—Shealy Lowery, MWSC, 5.47
ASSISTS/GAME—Rachel Gatewood, CMSU, 11.58
SERVICE ACES/GAME—Neeh Burkhardt, MSSC, 58
DIGS/GAME—Neeh Forbes, NWMSU, 4.29
BLOCKS/GAME—Heather Oughton, SBU, 1.45

Returning Lady Lions

OH—Neeh Burkhardt, jr, 5-9
S—Jenny Easter, jr, 5-4
MH—Erin Fielding, so, 5-11
OH—Lyn Dee Hamilton, sr, 5-9
MH/WH—Kristen Harris, so, 5-10
OH—Debbie Horenkamp, jr, 5-8
MH—Paige Maycock, jr, 5-11
OH—Kari Perry, sr, 5-11
OH—Annie Richardson, jr, 5-9
DS—Grandy Vandeman, so, 5-8
OH—Sara Worley, so, 5-9

New Recruits

OH—Erin Fielding, jr, 5-7, Springfield, Mo.

Men's Basketball

MIAA Standings

1994

1 Northwest Missouri State	40-1
2 Missouri Southern	4-1
3 Missouri Western State	3-1-1
4 Missouri-Rolla	2-8
5 Lincoln	1-4
6 Southwest Baptist	0-5

Coaches' Poll Preseason

1 Missouri-St. Louis
2 Northwest Missouri
3 Missouri Southern
4 Missouri-Rolla
5 Lincoln
6 Southwest Baptist

MIAA Leaders

1994

SCORING—Todd Riek, UMR, 2.26 Pts/GP
GOALS/GAME—Todd Riek, UMR, 16.4
ASSISTS/GAME—Skip Edwards, UMSL, 4.7
GOALS AGAINST AVG—Mark Lynn, UMSL, 7.6

Returning Lions

F—Todd Eaton, jr, 6-1, 190
M—Mark Turpin, so, 5-6, 165
M—Brit Ulrich, sr, 6-1, 180
B—Ryan Waggoner, so, 6-0, 135
GK—Darrell Wiggins, jr, 5-5, 165

New Recruits

B—Adam Baker, fr, 6-1, 165, Princeton, Mo.
M—Matt O'Connell, fr, 6-2, 165, Joplin
F—Matt Doolittle, fr, 5-11, 160, Joplin
B—Brian Douglas, fr, 5-7, 135, Scotland, Mo.
M—David Ellis, fr, 5-6, 145, Marshfield, Mo.
M—Timothy Hall, fr, 5-6, 165, Joplin
B—Ryan Hurdley, fr, 6-0, 170, Carthage, Mo.
B—Bryce Kephart, fr, 5-11, 175, Joplin
M—Andrew Ketteler, fr, 5-11, 165, Omaha, Neb.
F—John Tarkenton, fr, 5-8, 155, Joplin
F—Jose Suarez, fr, 5-9, 150, Quince, Ecuador
M—Dwain Schwarzing, fr, 5-11, 160, Joplin
M—Gary Palmer, 5-9, 160, Lees Summit, Mo.

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Returning Lions

Johnnie Batson, sr, Monett, Mo.
Tim Kohn, so, Quincy, Ill.
Mark Anderson, jr, Mo.
Scott Ridgeway, jr, Central, Okla.
John Williams, so, Joplin
Mike Williams, so, Harrison, Ark.

New Recruits

Scott Ewing, fr, Barton, Mo.
Quinn Franks, fr, Neosho, Mo.
Jim Lowery, fr, Quincy, Okla.
Fere Manap, fr, Marville, Mo.
Derek Russell, fr, St. Charles, Mo.
Brian Sheels, fr, Padonville, Mo.
Travis Wagner, fr, Carthage, Mo.

Returning Lady Lions

Rhonda Cooper, sr, Wellington, New Zealand
Ellis Heinecke, so, Quincy, Ill.
Cassie Moss, so, St. Louis, Mo.
Kathy Williams, sr, Carl Junction, Mo.

New Recruits

Sonia Blacketer, fr, Seneca, Mo.
Amanda Hanson, fr, Polson, Mo.
Kim Sneddon, fr, Carthage, Mo.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Soccer

Southern Shootout
Avila College at Southern, 10 am, Saturday
Dallas Baptist at Southern, 4 pm, Saturday
Avila College vs. Dallas Baptist, 1 pm, Sunday

Cross-Country

MSSC Invitational, 10 am, Saturday.

NEXT WEEK

Football

Central Arkansas at Southern, 7 pm, Sept. 9.

Volleyball

MSSC Lady Lions Classic, TBA, Sept. 8-9.



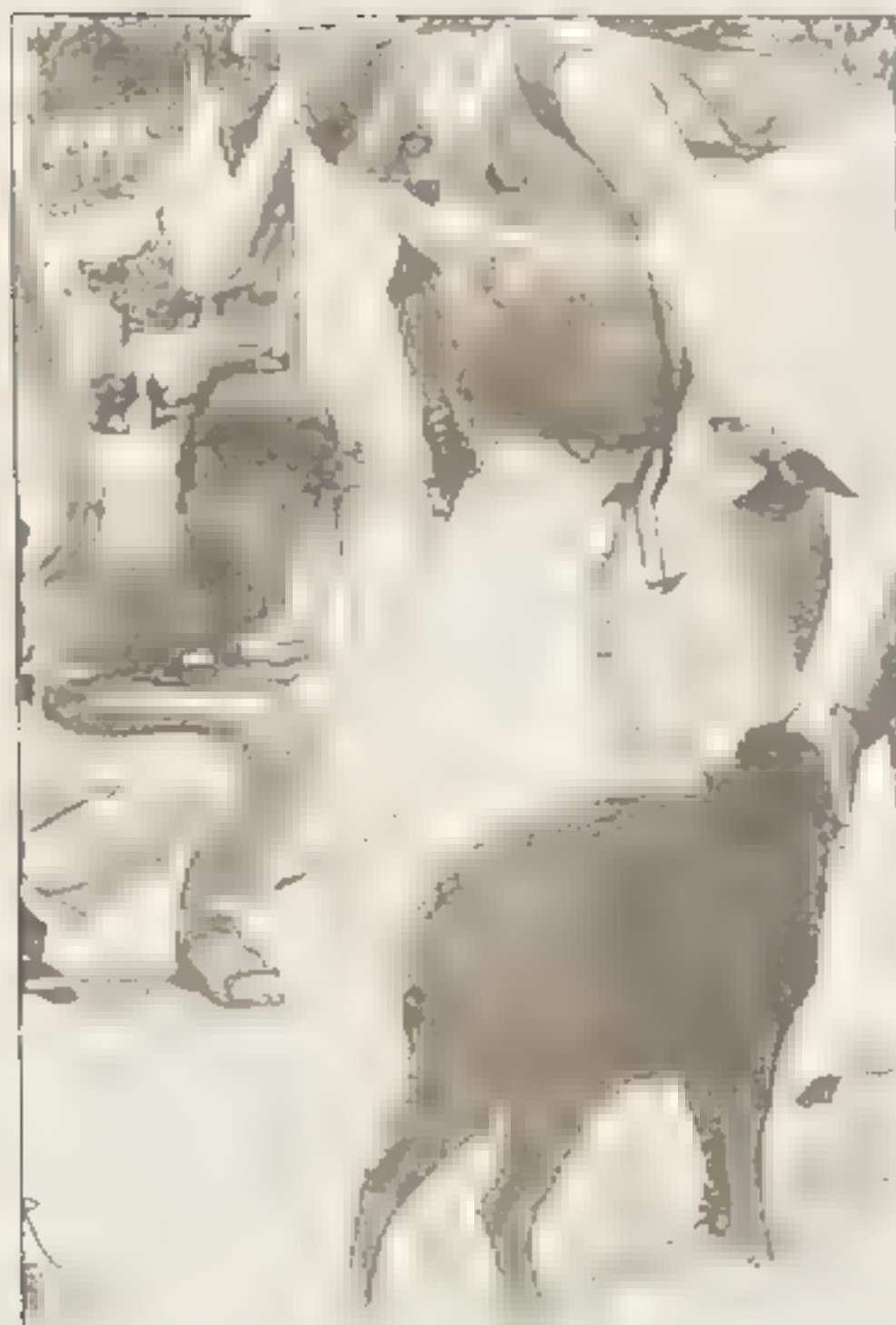
(From left) Matt Triplett, Dr. John Knapp, and Chris Blunder study charts of Caribbean fish.



During the third day of the trip, the group investigated ancient Mayan ruins in the Maya Mountains near Nim Li.

Caribbean EXPLORERS

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR



Melissa Belsner (left) and Marie Strohl watch their guide feed a peccary. A peccary is a tropical pig.

Photos by
James Jackson

Seventy-one students and faculty traveled to Belize, Central America, to complete a seven-day field-work course studying birds, marine vertebrates and invertebrates, Mayan ruins, public health, and water quality.

The Biomes field trip, which began May 27, consisted of the following students and faculty: Melissa Belsner, Chris Blunder, Tammy Boles, Mary Chew, Kristin Gautz, Dr. Jim Jackson, Dr. John Knapp, Kendra Millard, Beth Ann Murray, Stuart Price, Dusty Reid, Kelly Russell, Shauna Seward, Marie Strohl, Matt Triplett, Steven Viward, and Paul Webb.

The group spent the first afternoon and evening of the trip in Belize City before flying to Placencia, a village on the peninsula on the east coast of Belize.

It was near Placencia that the group entered its investigations at Turtle Inn, a Tropical Learning Center owned by co-trip director and tour guide Skip White.

It was the third time Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, took students to Belize, but he said this trip was more interesting.

"This was the best field trip I've ever been on," Jackson said. "Especially because the students who went. They all got along great and they all had a good time."

The snorkelers investigated the waters near Turtle Inn upon arriving but found little marine life due to the wind-generated turbidity.

On the second day of the seven-day trip, the entire group was escorted to Laughing Bird Cave by White and an independent snorkeling and diving guide.

"When I first took students on this trip, they started protecting the islands (in the Laughing Bird area)," Jackson said. "Since then the marine life in the area has really progressed."

On the third day of the trip, the group traveled to the Maya Mountains by bus. The group stopped by a farm after traveling to the ancient Mayan ruins at Nim Li Punit and Lubaantun. While traveling in the jungle of the Maya Mountains, the group saw several tropical species and even experienced some danger, Jackson said.

"The guide had said there were monkeys in the area," he said. "We could hear them howling. The closer we got, the more they were trying to protect their territory."

The class was split on the fifth day for two separate snorkeling trips. One group went to Lipio Caye, while the other went to Silk Caye and the Great Reef Barrier.

During the snorkeling, one diver, Matt Triplett, swam just over a six-foot-long lemon shark.

"I was shocked," said Triplett, who was the first in the group to enter the waters of the Great Reef Barrier. "When I first saw it, it was swimming right at me. I was too excited to worry about the shark attacking."

The final day was spent trawling miles down the Monkey River to Monkey Village. The group hiked through the tropical forest searching for howler monkeys and other tropical wildlife, such as land crabs, yellow-headed parrots, and rain forest frogs.

Each student was required to keep a journal of the morning and afternoon activities, specific project data, general notes on nightly meetings, data from other groups' projects, and positive and negative aspects each day. □



Chris Blunder returns from the water at Laughing Bird Caye after identifying area tropical fish.



Melissa Belsner, who focused on health care in the area, mingles with a pair of yellow-headed parrots in Monkey Village on the Monkey River. The village is 16 miles from the coast and is only accessible by boat.

Carolina Oh (right) teaches Kelly Russell how to thresh rice on a Maya Indian farm. The farm is owned by Jose Oh and is located in the Maya Mountains.



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Football Schedule

SEPT. 9	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	7 P.M.
SEPT. 16	EMPORIA STATE	7 P.M.
SEPT. 23	AT CENTRAL MISSOURI	2:30 P.M.
SEPT. 30	UNIV. OF MO-ROLLA	7 P.M.
OCT. 7	AT SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	1:30 P.M.
OCT. 14	PITTSBURG STATE	7 P.M.
OCT. 21	AT NORTHWEST MISSOURI	2 P.M.
OCT. 28	NORTHEAST MISSOURI	2:30 P.M.
NOV. 4	AT MISSOURI WESTERN	1:30 P.M.
NOV. 11	AT WASHBURN UNIV.	1 P.M.

Homecoming game in italics

Soccer Schedule

SEPT. 2-3	MCDONALD'S/SOUTHERN SHOOTOUT—	
	•DALLAS BAPTIST (SAT.)	4 P.M.
	•AVILA (SUN.)	1 P.M.
SEPT. 8-9	AT DRURY COLLEGE CLASSIC—	
	•UNIV. OF WISC.-PARKSIDE	6 P.M.
	•LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	6 P.M.
SEPT. 11	AT SWMSU	4:30 P.M.
SEPT. 13	DRURY COLLEGE	5 P.M.
SEPT. 21	AT SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIV.	4:30 P.M.
SEPT. 23	AT LINCOLN UNIV.	3 P.M.
SEPT. 26	NE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIV.	3:30 P.M.
SEPT. 30	AT JOHN BROWN UNIV.	2 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT BARTLESVILLE WESLEYAN	4 P.M.
OCT. 7	AT DALLAS BAPTIST	NOON
OCT. 15	AT UMSL	1 P.M.
OCT. 17	UNIV. OF MO—ROLLA	4 P.M.
OCT. 23	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIV.	4 P.M.
OCT. 29	NORTHEAST MISSOURI	1 P.M.

Cross Country Schedule

SEPT. 2	MSSC INVITATIONAL	10 A.M.
SEPT. 11	AT UNIV. OF TULSA INVITATIONAL	TIME TBA
SEPT. 16	SOUTHERN STAMPEDE	9 A.M.
SEPT. 30	AT SWMSU OZARK INVITE	TIME TBA
OCT. 7	UNIV. OF MO—ROLLA MINER INVITATIONAL	TIME TBA
OCT. 21	MIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	10 A.M.

The Regional Championships are scheduled for Nov. 4 and the National Championships are scheduled for Nov. 18. Both championships have not had their locations announced

— B Section design by Rick Rogers —

Volleyball Schedule

SEPT. 7	OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	7 P.M.
SEPT. 8-9	MSSC CLASSIC—	TIMES TBA
	•ANGELO STATE	
	•UNIV. OF CENTRAL OK	
	•TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIV.	
SEPT. 13	AT PITTSBURG STATE UNIV.	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	DRURY COLLEGE	7 P.M.
SEPT. 22-23	MIAA CONFERENCE PLAY AT MSSC—	TIMES TBA
	•UMSL	
	•CMSU	
	•EMPORIA	
SEPT. 27	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	7 P.M.
OCT. 4	AT MISSOURI WESTERN	7 P.M.
OCT. 6-7	MIAA CONFERENCE PLAY AT MSSC—	TIMES TBA
	•NORTHEAST MISSOURI	
	•NORTHWEST MISSOURI	
	•WASHBURN UNIV.	
OCT. 10	PITTSBURG STATE UNIV.	7 P.M.
OCT. 13-14	AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY TOURNEY—	TIMES TBA
	•FLORIDA SOUTHERN	
	•TAMPA UNIVERSITY	
	•NEW HAVEN UNIV.	
	•MONTEVALLO UNIV.	
OCT. 20-21	MIAA CONFERENCE PLAY AT ST. JOSEPH, MO.—	TIMES TBA
	•CMSU	
	•UMSL	
	•EMPORIA	
OCT. 23	AT OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	7 P.M.
OCT. 27-28	AT TEXAS WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY—	TIMES TBA
	•HENDERSON STATE	
	•MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	
	•UNIV. OF CENTRAL OK	
NOV. 1	MISSOURI WESTERN	7 P.M.
NOV. 8	AT DRURY COLLEGE	6:30 P.M.
NOV. 10-11	MIAA CONFERENCE PLAY AT TOPEKA, KAN.—	TIMES TBA
	•NORTHEAST MISSOURI	
	•NORTHWEST MISSOURI	
	•WASHBURN UNIV.	

The Regional Tourney is scheduled for Nov. 17-18 and the National Tourney is scheduled for Dec. 1-2. Both tournaments have not had their locations announced.

SPORTS COLUMN

Lions should import some foreign talent

Blessed with smoothness and dedication, foreign runners virtually dominate all divisions ■ NCAA men's cross country and long distance track and field. And in case you haven't noticed, we don't have any on the Southern men's cross country team.

Tom Rutledge, men's cross country and track and field coach, said he doesn't believe in recruiting from outside the United States, which I must admit isn't a bad idea. First of all, it costs more money to bring in athletes from so far away. Second, we should be giving as many Americans as many chances as we can to get an education.

But But, G. I.—This is a college with an international mission, and we continue to get our limbs tucked all over the MIAA. Last season, the men finished sixth and the women finished eighth out of eight teams.

I once saw a foreign runner, Josephat Kapkory from Washington State, run more than 50 yards past a turnoff, turn around, run back to the turnoff, and still win the race by 45 seconds. When he ran he looked like a long jumper gliding through the air. His feet seemed to rarely touch the ground.

Because of space limitations, I'll simply say this: If you want to compete in this conference, figure out what the guy who wins is doing — and then do it better. □

RYAN BRONSON



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chron

Off to a running start is the men's cross country season as the Lions' freshmen squad are enduring the intense heat of a tough afternoon day.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Youthful squad will be key for Lions

Lions start season on home turf Sept. 2

By **RYAN BRONSON**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The men's cross country team's top two runners are healthy and, despite it being relatively inexperienced, the team is ready to improve on its MIAA sixth-place finish from a year ago, according to coach Tom Rutledge.

Junior Josh Rogers and sophomore John Wilks showed up in excellent condition and should be the Lions' top two runners this fall, Rutledge said.

"Josh Rogers and John Wilks did their homework," he said. "I'm overly pleased with Josh. He's really looked good."

"Those guys are ready to run an 8K right now."

The Lions open their schedule Saturday in the Missouri Southern Invitational, a 5K race.

"Besides the top guys, we're not ready for an 8K—and that's a fact," Rutledge said.

Southern's lack of senior experience could be its biggest obstacle. The team has two juniors ■ Rogers and Jereme Balson, three sophomores in Wilks, Mark Williams, and Tim Kerr, and seven freshmen in Scott Ewing, Dusty Franks, Jim Lowary, Pete Maniaci (Man-ee-ah-choe), Derek Russell, Brian Scheble, and Travis Wagner. Rutledge said he likes what he's

seen from his freshmen so far, especially Lowary and Russell.

"They came in in pretty good shape," he said. "They have very good potential."

Rutledge said Kerr is the only runner who came up lame during the summer.

"He just made a bad decision," said Rutledge, who explained that Kerr ran in competition over the summer despite warnings. "It hurts us because he's one of our No. 1 people." □



Coach's Corner



“

They [the team] came in in pretty good shape and they have good potential.

...Besides the top guys, we're not ready for an 8K.

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ALMA MATER:
Quachita Baptist

YEARS AT MSSC:
7th season

TOP RETURNÉES:

Tim Kerr, Josh Rogers, John Wilks

TOP NEWCOMERS:

Brian Scheble, Jon Wilks, Dusty Franks

Who's who on the running Lions



Tim Kerr

•Class: Sophomore
•Quachita High School graduate will be strong in the 5000-meter



Bob Huffman

•Class: Sophomore
•Festus High School graduate in like form in the 800-meter



Brian Scheble

•Class: Freshman
•Potosi High School alumnus will be key in Lions' success

SPORTS COLUMN

Sports staff's
big chief takes
it to the court

Fresh from Blue Springs, Mo., and was the assistant sports editor last year, and now I am the new chief of The Chart sports department. I am ready to watch head volleyball coach Debbie Traywick and her Lady Lions bump, set, and spike their way into the conference playoffs.

They will bring back several players from last season. Sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Gockley should improve upon her stellar freshman season when she earned conference freshman of the year honors. Senior outside hitter Keri Perry's strong play on the court should be a rallying point for the rest of the team. Missouri Southern will again look to senior Neely Burkhardt for consistency and leadership.

The hard part for Southern will be replacing setter Becky Harrell, who finished her collegiate career last season. The Lady Lion to fill those shoes is junior Jenny Easter. Easter's play and personality will make it easy for her to fit in the role so well defined by Harrell.

Southern's strong returning squad gives me the confidence I need to predict a third-place finish in the conference, two spots above the preseason poll.

NICK PARKER

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Experience fuels fresh outlook

By NICK PARKER

Experience is a good thing. Missouri Southern returns all its players from last season adding only two freshmen. The MIAA's top returning hitter, sophomore Stephanie Gockley, hopes to improve upon her stellar performance

a year ago when she earned MIAA freshman of the year honors. Although Gockley has been hampered with a muscle pull during pre-season workouts, head coach Debbie Traywick expects to see more of the player she had a year ago.

"I think she realizes we have an even team," Traywick said. "Hopefully she won't think about the pressure."

Other returning hitters are sophomore Sara Winkler and seniors Lyn Dee Harrelson, Keri Perry, and Neely Burkhardt.

Traywick said the team brings a strong balance, hitting, and back-row stability onto the court.

"We are very deep as a team," she said. "There is no real dominant force; everybody gives an equal contribution to the team."

Gockley agreed with her coach. "We are more interchangeable than we were last year," she said. "If someone is having a bad

night, someone else will come in and do the job. We have a lot more depth this year than we had last year."

Junior Jenny Easter will step into the setter's position left open by Becky Harrell, who finished her Lady Lion career last season. Traywick said Easter and the rest team have adjusted well to the change.

"It helps that Jenny and Stephanie played together in high school, and the others have adjusted nicely as well," she said.

Traywick said defense is Southern's strong-est aspect to play right now. She said most the improvements come because players had nice taste of what it was like to win during the end of last season and they want that feeling again.

"We are blocking the ball really well," she said. "We are digging a lot more balls than we've ever dug before."

Southern hopes to start this season on the same high note on which it finished last year. The Lady Lions hope youth and experience will help them reach their goal of finishing in the top three of the conference.

"We are young, excited, and ready to win," Easter said. "Last year we made an excuse of being young; this year being young will be a high point."

"We are more interchangeable than we were last year. If someone is having a bad night, someone else will come in and do the job."

Stephaine Gockley
Lady Lion hitter



FILE PHOTO

MIAA Freshman of the Year Stephanie Gockley returns to lead the Lady Lions' offensive attack, as Southern opens its season Sept. 7.

Coach's
Corner

"We are deep as a team. There is no real dominant force; everybody gives an equal contribution to the team."

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ALMA MATER:
Southern Nazarene
MSSC RECORD:
132-132—500, 8th season
OVERALL RECORD:
187-169—523, 11th season
RECORD LAST SEASON:
18-16, 10-8 MIAA; finished
5th in conference play
PRESEASON POLL: 5th

Who's who on the Lady Lions



Stephanie Gockley

•Class: sophomore
•Named MIAA Fresh of the Year



Paige Maycock

•Class: junior
•Could play big role on front line



Neely Burkhardt

•Class: junior
•Led the MIAA in ace percentage in '94

Setting it



After the graduation of long-time setter Becky Harrell, junior Jenny Easter has been given the task of quarterbacking one of the most powerful hitting attacks in the MIAA and region

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

After two years in the back row, junior Jenny Easter is ready to take the reins as the new setter for the Missouri Southern volleyball team.

Easter will replace Becky Harrell, the setter of two years who finished her last career last season.

Easter first started to find interest in volleyball through her mother, who coached her throughout high school. She played her freshman year at Purvis, Mo., before moving to Houston, Mo., where she was an all-state selection her junior and senior years.

Easter said her mother taught her to have a good attitude toward the game and to work hard at whatever her role was going to be. "It proved to be helpful as she began her career at Southern."

Easter first met Southern head coach Debbie Traywick when she was 13. Traywick coached a junior Olympic team her first year at Southern, which Easter said made her decision for college much easier after meeting Traywick.

When Traywick brought Easter in as a freshman, she told her she would not be used as a setter, but as a defensive specialist. Easter would be able to practice with the

setters, but that would not be her role in the games.

"When I told her that," Traywick said, "she came to me and asked if she could set if she was better than the other girl. But after the first couple of weeks she came up to me and said she knew she had a lot to learn."

"Jenny likes to win. She knows what it feels like, and she works hard to win. As a player her competitiveness is her strongest aspect. That is essential for high-level play."

Easter had trouble adjusting to her new role at first.

"It was hard at first. I was not used to not being in charge, but Becky (Harrell) was better than me so it was OK," she said.

Since then Traywick said Easter's hustle has improved 100 percent, as well as improvements in consistency and her ability to call and run an offense.

Easter said likes to be in charge and run the floor like a setter should. And sophomore hitter Stephanie Gockley said Easter seems much happier in her new role, and it shows in how she is running the team.

Gockley played with Easter in high school in Houston, Mo. The familiarity has made the change easy as well as fun for both the hitter and the setter.

"Getting adjusted was really easy," Gockley said. "It feels just like it did in high school."

Preseason look at the MIAA

1. Central Missouri



RECORD: 17-10 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Rachel
Young, set; Jennifer
Wright, oppo
TOP NEWCOMERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

2. Northeast Missouri



RECORD: 17-10 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

3. Emporia State



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

4. Missouri Western



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

5. Missouri Southern



RECORD: 14-16 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

6. Northwest Missouri



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

7. Pittsburg State



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

8. Missouri-St. Louis



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

9. Washburn



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

10. Southwest Baptist



RECORD: 15-15 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: Amy
Chen, libero; Jennifer
Bryant, oppo; Kelly
COACH: Doug Mott

SPORTS COLUMN

Mix of talent makes it hard to see future

First things first. Before I get into the nitty gritty part of this column explaining how the Lions will contend for the MIAA title let me tell you newcomers to the sports page a little about myself.

Last year, I held the position of sports editor at The Chart, but this year (just like the Jeffersons on television) I'm moving on up to associate editor but will be mainly dealing with sports as usual.

This year Southern is loaded with talented players on both sides of the ball, but having only a few key players at certain positions just won't cut it.

Sure, the Lions have Albert Bland at tailback, Yancy McKnight on the offensive line, and James Thrash at receiver, but what about all of the others?

The players with not much experience must raise their level of play to the point where they can be in the same atmosphere as the big men in order for the Lions to compete for the title.

I know the big question lies in quarterback, but the problem may be solved. Sophomore David Haug has been awarded the starting job, and head coach Jon Lantz said he has the arm to launch a potent passing attack.

If Haug can balance the Lions' heralded rushing barrage with a productive passing game, then I have a feeling Southern is going to be in the thick of things come November.

RICK ROGERS

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

No. 14 Lions underdogs in MIAA

By **RICK ROGERS**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Looking back at a season full of off-the-field mayhem and quarterback controversy, head coach Jon Lantz and the football Lions look at the 1995 season as a fresh start from top to bottom.

Last season the Lions finished fifth in the MIAA with a record of 5-4, 5-5 overall. But Lantz pinpointed many peculiar off-the-field situations which sent the Lions into a free-fall down the MIAA ladder.

"I think the reason we had such a disappointing year was we let off-the-field problems affect on-the-field play," he said. "This year one of our main goals is to not have any off-the-field problems."

"Football is still a team-oriented game and anytime someone starts chipping away at the team concept it is going to affect your play. That is what happened to us last year."

Two All-Americans are returning to the Lions' offense for their final season. Tailback Albert Bland, who averaged 151.1 yards per game and was voted first-team all-conference, will carry much of Southern's offensive workload and is seen as the Lions' main threat.

"Albert is very key to our offensive scheme, but we can not get into a rush-only situation because we know Albert is going to have a target on his back," Lantz said.

In order for Bland to challenge last year's rushing mark of 1,496 yards, he will need the help of All-American offensive lineman Yancy McKnight, and returning linemen Harry Hodge and Don Beck. Lantz said the trio is the core of one of the best offensive

lines in the conference.

With a handful of young, inexperienced quarterbacks chosen from Lantz has given the starting nod to sophomore David Haug, who saw limited action last season as a back-up to G.W. Posey.

"We feel we really have mixed the offense more this season, and with David we feel we can," Lantz said. "David has a real strong arm, and we have the fastest man in the MIAA in James Thrash as receiver to lead our passing attack."

Waiting in the wings behind Haug is a trio of freshmen quarterbacks, including two all-state selections in Andy Anderson, Kolla (Mo.) High School, and Brad Cornelison, Texhoma (Okla.) High School. Along with Mark Lloyd, Blue Springs High School, the three are battling it out for the No. 1 back-up slot.

"I am kind of concerned about the quarterback position in terms of experience, but I'm not that concerned about it from the angle of ability," Lantz said. "I would be crazy to sit here and tell you we could start a freshman quarterback and go 10-0."

Southern is ranked 14th in the NCAA Division II preseason poll by *Sports Illustrated*, but fifth in the MIAA coaches' poll. The Lions will open their season with two tough contests at home.

Last season the Lions went 5-0 on their home turf but 0-5 on the road. Southern has not lost a regular season home game since 1992.

"Playing the tough part of the schedule at home will help," Bland said. "In 1993 we won all of those games at home. It will help us because we play on turf and we practice on turf and we are the only team that has a turf field."



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Freshman quarterback Mark Lloyd, from Blue Springs, Mo., scampers away from the pocket in last Saturday's Green and Gold Lion scrimmage.

The Lions will have the advantage in playing all three nationally ranked teams on its schedule at home. Southern will open the season against No. 20 Central Arkansas, and will play host to No. 5 Pittsburg State University on Oct. 14.



Coach's Corner



ALMA MATER:
Panhandle (Okla.) State '74
MSSC RECORD:
14-26-1—598; 7th season
OVERALL RECORD:
57-33-3—629; 10th season
RECORD LAST SEASON:
5-5, 5-4 MIAA; finished 5th
PRESEASON POLL: 5th

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Who's who on the football Lions



Albert Bland

• Class: Senior
• Position: Tailback
• '94 Rushing: 1,496
• '94 First-team MIAA



Yancy McKnight

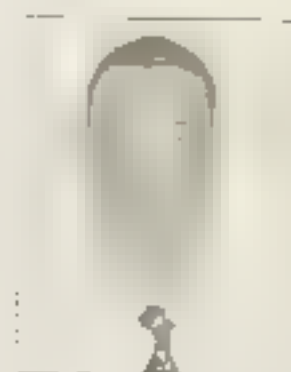
• Class: Senior
• Position: O.L. Line
• '94 First-team MIAA



Richard Jordan

• Class: Junior
• Position: Def. End
• '94 First-team MIAA

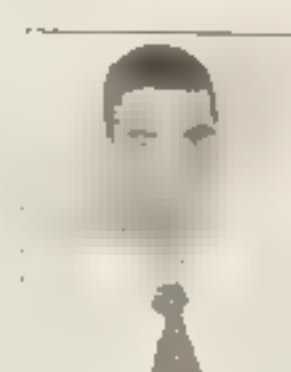
THE QB Situation



Anderson



Cornelson



Haug



Lloyd

Lions, Lantz seek leadership at revamped position

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Each quarterback has the ability to play this game, and each one has proven they can win at the high school level.

Jon Lantz
Lion head coach

After the graduation of Missouri Southern passing leader Matt Cook, the Lions could not find the right piece to the quarterback puzzle.

Last season, Lantz dealt with the media hoopla surrounding former quarterback Doug Switzer, son of Dallas Cowboy head coach Barry Switzer, and then his departure from the squad before the Washburn game on Oct. 29.

But now Lantz has found himself in a situation many college coaches relish. He has four young, talented quarterbacks he can groom into team leaders right from scratch.

Lantz will look toward sophomore David Haug and freshmen Andy Anderson, Brad Cornelson and Mark Lloyd to lead the nationally-ranked Lions.

"Each quarterback has ability to play this game, and each one has proven they can win at the high school level."

Haug, who will be the Lions' No. 1 quarterback, saw limited duty as a freshman last season in a third-string role behind Switzer

and senior G.W. Posey.

After the completion of the Lions' 5-5 season, Lantz said he should have prepared Haug for the future instead of wasting time on Switzer and Posey.

"If I would have had a crystal ball and it would have told me we would go 5-5 with Doug at quarterback, I would have played David Haug a year ago," he said. "We could have gone 5-5 with David at quarterback, but we were hoping to have a special year, and we didn't."

Haug said he plans to bring a sense of normalcy to the quarterback position after the turmoil of last season.

"Stability is a must, especially at the quarterback position," Haug said. "You must have that on any team if you hope to have a successful year."

Many would expect Anderson, a freshman, to be licking his wounds from the Lions' harsh two-a-day practices, but he said he knew what was coming.

Anderson said he has adapted to the college game and atmosphere as expected, but said he still has much room for improvement.

"I still have quite a way to go, but

my father was a coach at Missouri Rolla and I knew what to expect when I came here," he said. "I still have quite a few changes to make but hopefully I can get them done soon and be ready to play."

Anderson came from Rolla High School and was an all-state selection last fall.

Along with Haug and Anderson, Cornelson and Lloyd will also duke it out for the back-up slot.

Cornelson, who was an all-state selection in Oklahoma, has been given the advantage of being a coach's son, which he said gave him skills which could not be acquired on the field.

"It had its advantages for me since I grew up around football," Cornelson said. "For me, I learned the game in more of a sense of Xs and Os, and have learned a lot more away from the practice field."

Lantz said one advantage on Lloyd's side is his train of thought seems to be in the right place at the right time.

"David has the strong arm, Brad is the quickest, Andy is the most competitive, and Mark is the most intelligent," he said.

Stability is a must, especially at the quarterback position. You must have that on any team if you hope to have a successful year.

David Haug
Lion quarterback

Preseason look at the MIAA

1. Pittsburg State



GORILLAS

RECORD: 1-0 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Brandon D. Jones

2. Central Missouri



TIGERS

RECORD: 1-0 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Brandon D. Jones

3. Missouri Western



RED RAIDERS

RECORD: 1-0 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Brandon D. Jones

4. Northeast Missouri



RED RAIDERS

RECORD: 1-0 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Brandon D. Jones

5. Missouri Southern



LIONS

RECORD: 5-5 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Albert Brown, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Albert Brown, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones

6. Emporia State



HORNETS

RECORD: 1-0 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones

7. Missouri-Rolla



TIGERS

RECORD: 5-5 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones

8. Washburn



WILDCATS

RECORD: 2-3 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones

9. Northwest Missouri



RED RAIDERS

RECORD: 1-0 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones

10. Southwest Baptist



TIGERS

RECORD: 1-5 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones
TOP NEWCOMERS: QB Mike Moseley, RB Mike Moseley, WR Brandon D. Jones

SPORTS COLUMN

Lions' soccer sneaks up on Chart's transfer

Without even so much as a simple fax to let me know, I was thrust into the position of covering soccer at our fair school.

Not that this is unfamiliar territory for me. I've covered men's soccer, women's soccer from St. Louis to Trenton, N.J., and back again. I will admit I was a tad distraught by the fact that there is no women's soccer program at Missouri Southern, but I've gotten over it now.

I've watched the men play their violent ball a couple of times already. I am impressed to say the least. I would like to see a certain foreign forward pass the ball a little bit more, but that problem will probably alleviate itself within the first couple of games.

I've played soccer, I've watched soccer, I've written about soccer. I've talked about soccer. This game is becoming a bit of tradition in my life. From now until November, there will undoubtedly never be a day gone by that the subject of soccer doesn't come up in some conversation or thought I have.

I haven't seen any of Southern's competition, and truthfully, I haven't ever heard of most of them either, but I believe the team's attitude should carry it through some of the tougher moments on the field. They like to have fun, the coach wants them to have fun, and there is no feasible reason why, at the very least, they shouldn't accomplish that. □

J.L. GRIFFIN

SOCCKER PREVIEW

Southern thrashes alumni 9-1

By J.L. GRIFFIN

With the first obstacle out of the way, the Missouri Southern soccer team now focus on winning.

The first obstacle was proving it could play as a team. The Lions proved that with a resounding 9-1 defeat of an alumni squad Sunday. The offense struck hard and struck often, leaving the defense with little to do in the afternoon swelter.

Sophomore forward Jose Suarez scored a hat trick for the Lions, the most impressive, which he scored on a header with an impossible angle after freshman Chad Gritts crossed the ball from the right corner.

Soccer coach Jim Cook classified the practice game as "better than practice and not as good as a regular game."

Both teams not only battled with each other, but also the 90-plus degree heat enveloping the field. The Lions are no strangers to the heat; they have practiced the last three weeks without even a chance of showers or a break from the heat and humidity.

"The weather is bad in the fact that we have to stop so much for water breaks, but it's good in that we have to play in it and we're ready for it," Cook said.

Something the Lions may not be ready for is pressure from powerful offenses.

However, junior forward Todd Eaton, who had one goal in Sunday's practice game, has faith in the defense's prowess.

"We have last people in the back. They just need to start laying people out a little more," Eaton said.

Cook said it's going to take a



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Sophomore midfielder Tim Jones, from St. Louis, dribbles past a defender in last week's Green and Gold game.

few games for the defense to gel cohesively.

"The defense should get better with every game," he said.

And every game is going to count this season with only 11 on the schedule. Schools are allowed 11 games in a season, but since Cook was hired in late winter, no scheduling had been done for the team. Cook said when he tried to schedule, most schools had a hard time fitting Southern onto their schedule.

"Sixteen games isn't very good,"

Eaton said. "I wish we had more, but the schedule is still tough."

With only three returning seniors, Dave Holzum, Grady Huke, and Brett Ulrich, to lead the team on the field, Cook is looking for Eaton, Bryan White, and starting goalie Darrell Withem, the three returning juniors, to help out.

The Lions got their first taste of competition when they had an intra-squad match a week ago.

In comparing the two games, Cook said the shooting was off

during the first game, but because players are competing for a starting slot, the play was more aggressive than in the alumni game.

"We did shoot well," he said of the nine goals his team scored against the alumni.

Cook said the Lions are ready for their first game against Dallas Baptist on Saturday.

"They played a little better than I thought they might," he said after the alumni game. "They look a little further along." □

Coach's Corner



ALMA MATER:
Missouri Southern State
MSSC RECORD:
First year
OVERALL RECORD
First year
RECORD LAST SEASON:
11-7-1, 4-1 MIAA; finished
2nd
PRESEASON POLL: 2nd

“The weather is bad in the fact that we have to stop so much for waterbreaks, but it's good in that we have to play in it and we're ready for it.”

Who's Who on the Soccer Lions



Todd Eaton

• Class: Junior
• '94 Goals: 14
• Received first-team all-conference honors



Mark Turpen

• Class: Sophomore
• '94 Goals: 4
• Named MIAA Co-Freshman of the Year



Darrell Withem

• Class: Junior
• '94 GAA: 2.67
• Teaming with Chris Lewis in goal for the Lions

“ I don't try to force my will on anyone ”

COOKING

up some tradition

With the soccer Lions coming off one of the best seasons in the history of the program, new head coach Jim Cook will have the burden of expectation resting upon his shoulders

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I invited to Jim Cook's house for dinner some night, don't expect the Missouri Southern soccer coach to serve chicken. Aside from the fact that he's a self-proclaimed meat and potatoes kind of man, it's his contention that his assistant coach, Tony Pivec, has slowly killed off all the chickens on his farm.

Agricultural sabotage may be laughed about, but when it comes to the Lions' soccer team, any attack on it will probably be taken as a personal affront.

For a man who looks like he could double for any number of heavies in the World Wrestling Federation, people would probably be surprised at how mellow Cook is on the sidelines. Cook could easily be cast as Goliath in some biblical movie if it weren't for a height requirement. With his infatigable eyes, graying hair, and mountaineer's torso, the coach looks to be a man not easily amused. However, Cook is a bit bashful and downright humble about his life.

"I'm not laid back when I get irritated," he said. His wife, Teresa, nods and grins in agreement.

Apparently the coach's personal life doesn't come up in practice conversations much. One of the coach's players thought the coach was divorced when asked about Cook's

marital status. A shocking statement from a fellow who has watched the man keep his cool in a month that could be classified as anything but.

It's probably the Cook's years together in the country surrounding that has unwound the coach. Even seeing his supply of chickens rapidly be depleted hasn't seemed to shatter the man's spirit.

This attitude apparently doesn't come with his recent entry into the four-decades-of-living club.

Cook hit the 40 mark Saturday and celebrated Sunday by watching his squad pound a group of players from Southern's past.

Winning is nothing new to the Joplin High School history teacher who originated the position of soccer coach at the school.

In his 10 years at Joplin as coach, he won something around three times as many games as he lost and took his team to the quarterfinals in state once. Even with that much success at the high school level, Cook said he had no interest in returning to coaching at that level.

"The guys I work with now are more mature and skillful," he said.

Cook and his wife are both teachers with something else in common.

There seems to be a certain admiration between the two

for the soccer thing as well. She seems to have a different level of enjoyment of the game than he, though. She said she likes to watch him coach.

"He performs well and is knowledgeable. He brings out the best from his players," she said.

The pair have two children who are in seventh and ninth grades. They live on a farm in the country raising various animals, now minus a few head of chicken. It's a *Green Acres* life for the Cooks because the coach doesn't really have a fondness for the city.

"It's a nice place to visit," Cook said. "I just don't like the lights or the asphalt."

As for his new team, Cook said no problems have arisen and he's having a good time.

"They're an enjoyable group that has done everything asked of them," he said. "I don't try to force my will on anyone."

Southern isn't a new stamping ground for the coach, as he started his soccer career here as a player with no intentions of ever coaching. And it's the coaching angle that has been most gratifying in his career.

"Working with some of the kids I have is the most satisfying thing," Cook said.

With teaching, coaching, and keeping Pivec away from his livestock, he may lead anything but a meat and potatoes life. □



Preseason look at the MIAA

1. Northeast Missouri



'94 RECORD: 14-1, 4-1 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: M/D
Joshua Bahr, GK Derek Martin,
F Chris Scott
FORMER MIAA CHAMPS

2. Missouri-St. Louis



'94 RECORD: 10-4, 3-1 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: F Todd
Rask, GK Mark Lewis, MF Kent
Bourgeois
TOP NEWCOMERS: MF/D
Joe Puck, MF Justin Skam
COACH: Tom Redmond

3. Missouri Southern



'94 RECORD: 11-2, 4-1 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: F Todd
Ennis, F Grade Blake, M Brent
Lind
TOP NEWCOMERS: M
Andrew Kerkel, F Jon Sauer, B
Brian Hunt
COACH: Jim Cook

4. Missouri-Rolla



'94 RECORD: 7-4, 2-1 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: B Andy
Jenkins, M Kevin Martin, B
Chris Bahr, F Gary Graham, M
Greg Schultz
TOP NEWCOMERS: F
Ryan Pope, Greg Schultz
COACH: Mark Salisbury

5. Southwest Baptist



'94 RECORD: 1-13, 1-1 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: F Lester
Shelton, F Scott Terrell, M Kevin
Foltz, W Zack Walton
TOP NEWCOMERS: F
Jonathan Ford, M Jamie Bowers
GK Mark Manges
COACH: Larry Galt

6. Lincoln



'94 RECORD: 5-11, 1-4 MIAA
TOP RETURNERS: GK Eric
Combs, GK Jeff Wilson, F Mike
Ortega, MF Eric Baker, B Russell
Drew, B Leonard Grinstead, F Brian
Rogers
COACH: TSA

MIAA Begins New Standings Format

The MIAA will be using a new format to determine its champion in the 1995 season.

The conference has adopted the same format used in pool play at the 1994 World Cup Tournament. Three points will be awarded for each conference victory, and one point will be awarded for each conference tie. The school with the most points in the final standing will be the MIAA champion.

This new format gives more weight to a win than in the past, when two ties had the same effect as one win in the winning percentage.

—MIAA Sports Information

SPORTS COLUMN

Lion harriers lucky to have two coaches

About two years ago, I witnessed a travesty during cross country season. It wasn't at Missouri Southern, however.

I was attending a junior college, North Idaho College, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho—my hometown. The cross country coach, Christy Davids from South Africa, was the coach for both the women's and men's cross country teams and track.

Coaching the men and women at the same time presented a problem for Davids, who was an internationally-recognized runner. He demanded his teams train at a very high level, and couldn't understand how to motivate women athletes.

By the end of cross country season, Davids was at a cross with several of his female athletes. He issued letters stating five of his female runners, including his top three, would not be asked to run track.

After a certain reporter for the local newspaper investigated the story, it was determined Davids had no basis for the letters. The women had no respect for his coaching techniques and had become non-responsive to his training requests.

After the story ran, Davids resigned from his post as cross country coach.

The moral of the story ... having two coaches—one for men and one for women—is the safest and most effective way to run a cross country program. □

RYAN BRONSON

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Cooper returns for Lady Lions

By **RYAN BRONSON**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Missouri Southern women's cross country team is looking to improve on its eighth-place finish at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships in 1994 by using a weapon it hasn't had since halfway through the 1993 season—Rhoda Cooper.

Cooper, a senior from Wellington, New Zealand, suffered an injury two years ago that abruptly ended what would have been a successful season. The injury caused Cooper to miss the entire 1994 season as well.

"She had a great summer," said Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach. "She's looking very strong. Her biggest advantage is her personality. She is very dedicated."

"Our other senior is Kathy Williams," added Vavra, who is in her second year as the women's coach. "She's been a leader for us. She really had a good summer, and I expect she'll have a good season."

Aside from the two seniors, the women's team is relatively inexperienced. It has two returning sophomores and three freshmen, but no juniors.

"We're in pretty good shape," Vavra said. "As a whole, the group has had a pretty good summer. We have a couple of people who are a little bit behind."

Vavra said she was pleased about the condition of the freshmen on her team.

"You can never tell what kind of shape the freshmen will show up



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

The women's cross country squad takes a running start during a practice this week in front of Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. The Lady Lions will open their 1995 season at the Missouri Southern Invitational Sept. 2.

in," she said. "I'm happy with the way most of them came in."

In the MIAA Championships, Missouri Southern's best finisher came in at No. 32. In comparison, MIAA champion Emporia State's fifth runner finished 15th.

Vavra said she expects her team to make a noticeable improvement.

"I think you'll see us improve a lot this season," she said. "I really depends on whether we stay healthy."

Vavra said she expects Cooper to finish among the top runners in the MIAA this season, which may be easier said than done—12 of the top 13 runners from last season return this season from their respective schools. □



Patty Vavra

ALMA MATER:
Missouri Southern State
YEARS AT MSSC:
2nd season

TOP RETURNERS:
Rhonda Cooper, Chris
Hienecke

TOP NEWCOMERS:
Sonia Clacketer, Amanda
Harrison, Kim Sneddon

Coach's Corner



“We’re in pretty good shape. As a whole, the group has had a pretty good summer. We have a couple of people who are a little bit behind.”

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Who's who on the runnin' Lions



Cassie Moss

• Class: Sophomore
• Will be a strong distance runner for the Lady Lions this fall



Kathy Williams

• Class: Sophomore
• Will team up with Cassie Moss in the distance category



Dalana Lofland

• Class: Sophomore
• Will be a strong sprint specialist for the Lady Lions come spring time

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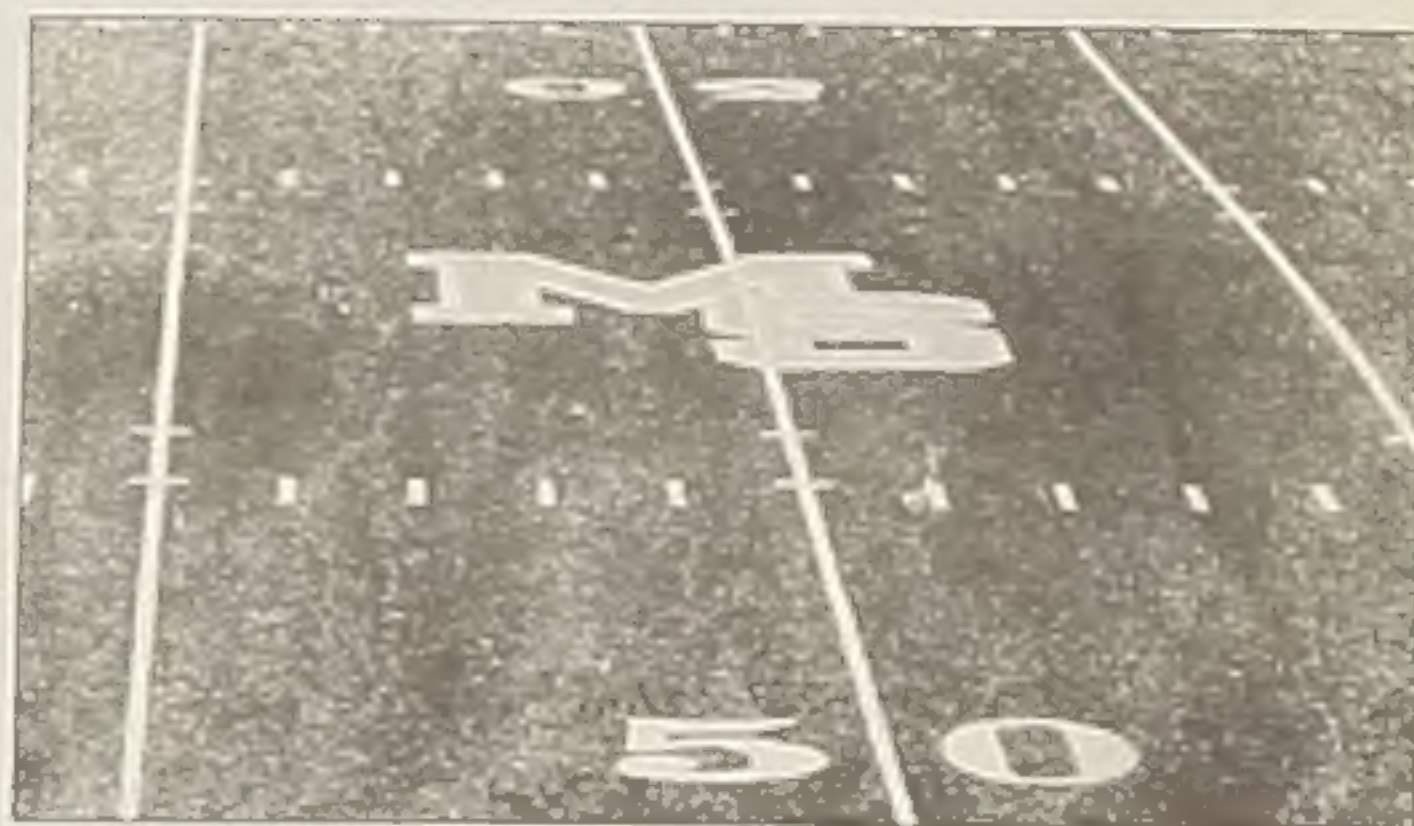


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